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German Threat In Holland

A threat of a forced loan to meet the cost of the German army of occupation in the Netherlands is made in the prospectus of a 500,000,000 guilder 4 per cent. 10-year loan to which the Dutch are being asked to subscribe.

The loan is to finance increased State expenditure due to the fact that the army of occupation costs the Dutch people millions of guilders a week.

According to news received in Dutch circles in London yesterday the prospectus threatens that in the case of non-subscription a compulsory 40-year annuity-levy at 2½ per cent will be enforced. — Reuter.

BRITISH HOLDINGS IN U.S.

The forthcoming visit of Sir Edward Peacock to America to examine the possibilities of investments such as businesses in the United States, was announced in a Treasury statement issued in London yesterday.

The statement says: "In the light of material already shipped and contemplated by the United States it may now be freely published that His Majesty's Government have realised and disposed of a very great proportion of their gold holdings and are steadily selling 'American' securities owned by their nationals at every opportunity.

"A more difficult problem is presented by investments such as businesses in the United States and United States companies controlled by companies in this country whose shares are not quoted on the Stock Exchange.

"His Majesty's Government are resolved to make the best possible use of these investments and they have decided to ask Sir Edward Peacock, who has great experience in such matters, to go to the United States and examine the possibilities on the spot. He will reach America very shortly."

PETAIN TO MEET HITLER SHORTLY

Hitler and Marshal Petain may meet again shortly, according to Ankara radio, which declared last night that there were "certain persistent reports" suggesting such a move.

Vichy's representative in Paris, the Count de Brinon, has just returned with Hitler's reply to Marshal Petain's recent Note. — Reuter.

FRENCH RAID INTO LIBYA

The recent raid into Italian Libya by Free French Forces is the subject of a communique issued by General de Gaulle's Headquarters in London yesterday.

The communique states: "In the course of January, elements of our troops in Chad, acting under the command of General de Larminat, carried out a deep raid into Italian Libya in the region of Fezzan.

"Our troops reached and destroyed the base at Muzak and carried the post at Gatrun, inflicting on the enemy serious losses in men and material.

"Several Italian planes were destroyed on the ground."

The communique adds that General de Gaulle has conferred the Cross de l'Ordre de la Libération posthumously upon Lieutenant Dornano, Commander of the detachment, who was killed at Muzak. — Reuter.

NAVAL BUILDING BILL PASSED

The Bill authorising the allocation of \$809,000,000 for expanding naval construction facilities and building 400 small Navy craft, was passed by the U.S. Senate yesterday and sent to the White House for signature. Minesweepers and submarine chasers are included among craft to be built. — Reuter.

Italians Cut Off In Rail Junction

WITH THE AIR RESOUNDING TO THE THUNDER OF ARTILLERY THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL TROOPS DRAWN UP ROUND DERNNA ARE SENDING OUT EXTENSIVE PATROLS TO PROBE THE POSITION OF THE ITALIANS DEFENDING THIS SMALL LIBYAN SEAPORT, CABLES REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OUTSIDE DERNNA.

Meanwhile it is leared in authoritative quarters in London that the Army of the Nile has now surrounded the important road junction of Mekelle, south of Derna.

There is reason to believe that the Italian troops cut off here comprise the remnants of two divisions which retired from Sidi Barrani, as well as a certain number of tanks and armoured vehicles.

The British advance is being facilitated by our possession of Tobruk as an advance base. There is a good water supply at Tobruk and large quantities of petrol that the Italians had not time to destroy.

It is now revealed that the Indian division which is doing so well in Eritrea was sent to the Sudan after taking part in the capture of Sidi Barrani.

Fate Of Italian Settlers

Owing to the unavoidable movement of these troops the Italian forces at Kassala had time to execute a strategic withdrawal and escape the pincer movement that closed behind them.

British authoritative quarters are concerned with the fate of 200,000 Italian settlers in Abyssinia who are menaced by the growing tide of the patriot movement.

It is gathered that many are being concentrated at places like the capital, Addis Ababa, where there would be safety in numbers.

The problem of food supply is sure to arise sooner or later, even if any number enter Djibouti. — Reuter.

LONDON GETS A NIGHT ALERT

The ten-day lull in the night air war over London was broken by an early alert last night, shortly after which heavy gun fire was heard in the central districts. — Reuter.

EASTERN SUPPLY COUNCIL

Mr. Hydari, secretary of the Labour Department, has been appointed Government of India representative at the Eastern Group Supply Council. It was announced in New Delhi yesterday. — Reuter.

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Three important amendments limiting President Roosevelt's powers under the Lease and Lend Bill were voted by the House Foreign Affairs Committee sitting behind closed doors yesterday.

The amendments were as follows:

Firstly, to fix the expiration date as June 30, 1943;

Secondly, requiring President Roosevelt to consult army and navy chiefs before transferring military equipment, and

Thirdly, requiring periodic reports to Congress on the Lease and Lend operations. — Reuter.

An amendment was approved specifically forbidding the use of United States warships on convoy duties. — Reuter.

slight.

The night was also marked by shellfire from German long-range guns across the Channel.

A number of shells fell in Dover at irregular intervals but no casualties so far have been reported. — Reuter.

NIGHT SHELLING OF DOVER

LAST NIGHT'S GERMAN RAID ON LONDON WAS OVER BEFORE MIDNIGHT; INCENDIARIES WERE SHOWERED ON SEVERAL PARTS OF THE CAPITAL BUT EVERYWHERE FIRE WATCHERS WERE READY TO DEAL WITH THEM.

Elsewhere in the country enemy air activity again was



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Naples And Catania Targets Of Heavy British Air Raids

Aerodromes And Railway Attacked

HEAVY BOMBING by the Royal Air Force of Naples and Catania aerodromes as well as the railway junction and marshalling yards on Monday night are the highspots of the R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters communique which states: "During the night of January 27, bombers of the R.A.F. carried out a heavy raid on Capodichino (Naples) Aerodrome.

"Bombs fell on a large building, setting it on fire, and other fires were started on the aerodrome. The central railway junction and marshalling yards at Naples were also attacked, fires and violent explosions being caused between the station and junction.

H.K. ANTI-SABOTAGE SCHEME

In connection with His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government's appeal of 9th January, 1941, for volunteers to provide anti-sabotage guards on board ships in Hong Kong Harbour, the following additional information may assist employers and those who are in some doubt as to whether they should volunteer for this duty.

Guards will only be required during the continuance of the Colony's present situation and the scheme will cease to function should the Colony be directly involved in war.

No fear need be entertained that the time of guards who are detailed for duty will be wasted in waiting for the ship to which they are allotted since it will be possible to arrange for them to return to their offices provided they can be communicated with by telephone at short notice.

The 12 hour duty period will not entail spending 12 hours continuously on guard, which would, in the case of night duty, impair the efficiency of the guards in their normal employment on the following day. It is anticipated that out of 3 guards, 1 will be on duty, 1 standing by and 1 off duty at any given time if the ship is working cargo. It will be appreciated that each person will be on full duty for only 1/3 of the 12 hour period.

It is realised that certain persons may hesitate to volunteer since, in the course of their normal employment, they may be liable to sudden business calls at short notice and at any hour of the day or night. It is hoped, however that such persons will volunteer since, if there is a satisfactory response to the appeal, it will be possible to make arrangements with regard to times of duty to meet difficulties in individual cases.

Members of the regular army in Hong Kong will take part in

The same night the Catania aerodrome was raided, bombs bursting on the main runway and among buildings on the south side of the aerodrome.

"Fires were caused and one aircraft on the ground was burned out.

"Comiso was also visited and the bombing there started fires among buildings followed by six violent explosions which were seen by our aircraft raiding Catania.

11 Savoia's Out Of Action

"In Libya on Tuesday air activity was mainly confined to protective fighter patrols for our advancing troops and ground strafing of the retreating enemy between Derna and Barce.

"On the Martuba landing ground, 11 Savoia bombers were found abandoned in unserviceable condition. Three enemy fighters discovered nearby were also damaged by our earlier bombing and machine-gunning of the aerodrome.

"In Albania, fighter aircraft on patrol in the Kelye area encountered a number of enemy aircraft and several were damaged.

"An important railway bridge and railway junction west of Keren (Eritrea) were successfully attacked.

"General air support was given our troops in their offensive the Agordat area.

Moyale Raids

"Aircraft of the South African Air Force on January 27 carried out raids in the Moyale area and many high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped. The result could not be observed owing to weather conditions.

"Numerous reconnaissance flights were made on all fronts. From all operations our aircraft returned safely.

"In a communique on January 27, it was stated that one of our fighter aircraft operating in Libya was missing. It is now known that the pilot of this aircraft made a successful parachute descent and was subsequently found with only minor injuries."—Reuter.

this scheme and it is anticipated that this will further reduce the frequency of each person's periods of duty.

It is particularly emphasised that the greater the response to this call for volunteers the lighter will be the duty of each person. So far as can be foreseen, it is probable that if all those who are asked to volunteer will undertake to assist, each person's turn for a period of 12 hours duty will come only once in 6 to 8 weeks or even less frequently.



BRITAIN'S ALLIES. — Assisting the Royal Air Force in their duties of safeguarding British shores and escorting convoys bringing necessities to Britain are men of the Royal Dutch Naval Air Service. Some of them are using their own Fokker float planes which are serviced by Dutch personnel. Wearing uniforms similar to our Royal Navy they are smart and efficient and have already given a good account of themselves during the German invasion of Holland. Photo shows Dutch Fokker T.S.W. float planes (Wright Whirlwind engines) on convoy patrol. (Air Ministry Photograph).

"VICTORY FIRST" THE WATCHWORD IN ATHENS

"Victory first" is the watchword of the new Greek Government, set forth in a proclamation issued in Athens last night.

The proclamation affirms the certainty that the fight will be carried to a victorious end and declares the Government, at the desire of the King, "takes up the heavy heritage of continuing the magnificent work of the man who has gone."—Reuter.

80, BUT SHE LEARNED TYPING FOR A WAR TASK

(By A Special Correspondent)

"There's nothing I cannot do," said Mrs. Martha Milner, volunteering for national service. People smiled. For Mrs. Milner is eighty. Nevertheless she joined the W.V.S. and put her name down for hospital supplies and secretarial work.

When she rang up a hospital matron and asked where she was to report for training, the first thing she was asked was: "Can you type?" "No," said the eighty-year-old volunteer. "But," she added, "there's no reason why I shouldn't learn."

And she borrowed a typewriter and set to work. Now she can compete with the smart girl typists turned out by secretarial colleges — girls young enough to be her great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Milner is a "veteran" of many wars.

Her father fought at Rorke's Drift when she was a small child, and she and her mother

wandered homeless in the Bush for three weeks after their house was burned.

"I'm A 'Martha' "

During 1914-18 and after she cared for wounded soldiers. And her role of W.V.S. typist in this one is only a fraction of her war work.

"I live up to my name," she told me with a smile. The Bible says that 'Martha was troubled with many things' and so am I. But it is a real pleasure to be troubled and to feel that I am doing my bit for the boys. At the beginning of the war she refused a chance to spend her old age in peace and quiet.

A son begged her to cross the seas and make her home with him in Canada.

"Imagine deserting my country — the very idea," exclaimed Mrs. Milner. And put on her W.V.S. uniform.

She did not let her typing practice interfere with taking first-aid classes, and it was not long before she gained her A.R.P. badge.

Collected Planos

Now, among her other activities, such as helping to furnish a hospital, she runs five working parties, has helped to start many others, and is continually sewing and knitting. She has also collected seventeen pianos and many wireless sets for her big family — the soldiers in hospital.

During the last war, Mrs. Milner acted as fairy godmother to the wounded soldiers in Bristol, and afterwards she founded the Mone Club there.

One of her sons served with Allenby in Palestine. Now she is looking forward to welcoming to this country two grandsons who have joined up in Canada.

BRITAIN TO MOBILISE WOMEN FOR INDUSTRY

The compulsory registration of women for essential industries throughout Britain is to be enforced soon, Reuter's political correspondent learns.

THEIR 9-HOUR CONCERT

The Hotspurs, a North-East concert party, claims to hold the record for a single night's voluntary entertainment—a total of nine hours. It lasted from 7.30 p.m. till 4.30 a.m.

They started with a two-hour show to 500 troops. As they left the camp there was an Alert. At the nearest shelter, the Hotspurs gave a three-hour concert.

When the "Raider" passed, the Hotspurs made a ten-mile journey to their home town. Another raid — and another shelter concert. It lasted two hours.

This will enable the Ministry of Labour to call upon women who are not engaged in industry to take their place in the industrial ranks.

Registration will be general and without distinction but it is likely that single women will be called up first and married women later, if the need arises. Age of registration is expected to be 20 upwards.

There will be provision for cases of hardship and it is intended that as far as possible women shall be placed at work as near their homes as possible.

At the same time Government is making an exhaustive examination of the present schedule of reserved occupations for men, with the object of releasing for military service all those whose work is not absolutely essential. — Reuter.

MR. WILLKIE HAS A BUSY DAY

Whirlwind Inspection Of British Capital At War

Visit To T.U.C. Council Meeting

AFTER DINING WITH the entire British Cabinet on Tuesday night at a reception given by the Air Minister, Mr. Wendell Willkie yesterday started his third day of whirlwind inspection of London at war with undiminished energy.

The first morning meeting was with Sir Andrew Duncan, Minister of Supply, who is responsible for Britain's war production, after which Mr. Willkie dashed back to his hotel to deal with a mass of correspondence, also squeezing in a long talk with Professor Laski, one of the Labour Party's leading brains "behind the scenes."

High spot of the day was Mr. Willkie's arrival at the meeting of the Trades Union Congress General Council who were discussing the Government's new power mobilisation scheme.

Sitting by the side of the T.U.C. Chairman, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Willkie listened to the discussion.

"They are a grand bunch of fellows, very intelligent and alert. I found myself in complete agreement with their aspirations and purposes," Mr. Willkie said afterwards.

Communists At The Savoy

Lunch was at the Savoy Hotel with Sir Robert Kildersley, Britain's war saving propaganda chief, and a party of big businessmen.

A party of fur coated and smartly dressed women who attempted to stage a Communist interruption were rapidly evicted almost before Mr. Willkie arrived.

Later Mr. Willkie visited Polish headquarters, where he met General Sikorski, the Polish Premier and Commander-in-Chief.

"My sympathies are 100 per cent. with the Polish people," he said on leaving to return to his hotel where he had an interview with the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi.

Eire Visit

Mr. Willkie is using all the ration cards and police permits which foreign visitors to Britain are obliged to have.

They have been given to him at his own request as he is anxious not to receive unwarranted privileges.

Mr. Willkie's proposed visit to Eire has not yet been definitely fixed. — *Reuter*.

DRURY LANE BOMBED

Heavy Damage To Auditorium

The Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, the oldest theatre in the world still used as such, is among the London buildings recently bombed.

Fortunately the damage was confined to the auditorium, and no part of the truly historic portion of the theatre dating back to 1683, was affected. The bomb fell through the roof, the gallery, the upper and grand circles, and exploded at the back of the pit. The nose-cap penetrated the floor of the auditorium and smashed the stalls bar beneath.

The safety curtain took the blast, and although badly crumpled saved the stage and everything behind. The Royal Box, the dressing room of Garrick, the room where Sheridan wrote "The School for Scandal," the Rotunda

GEORGE MEDAL FOR NURSE

Rescue Work in Bombed Asylum

Miss Violet Eleanor Reid, a junior nurse, has been awarded the George Medal for great devotion to duty when an asylum was bombed. In spite of her own wounds, she attended with great coolness to the mental patients and an injured colleague.

Describing her action, the London Gazette says that when five high-explosive bombs were dropped in the grounds one hit the edge of the roof of the kitchen of a block in which 82 female mental patients were housed.

Part of the kitchen was demolished, steam and hot water escaped and the lights failed.

Four patients were cut by flying glass, but Nurse Reid and a colleague were more seriously injured.

Refused Help Herself

In spite of wounds, loss of blood and deafness caused by the explosion Nurse Reid, unaided, carried the other nurse upstairs and attended to her until a doctor arrived. She refused help for herself until all the patients were cared for.

By her cool and cheerful conduct she prevented the confusion among the patients from developing into what might have become a panic.

The name of another woman, Miss Daisy Violet Thompson, of the Works Restaurant, Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd., also appeared in the London Gazette among the commendations for gallantry or good service in Civil Defence.

and other famous places all escaped.

The work of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes Entertainment Branch and ENSA, whose headquarters Drury Lane now is, continued without interruption.

Royal Stables Wrecked

The Royal mews at Buckingham Palace was also bombed in a recent raid. The famous greys and bays are, however, safe, having been removed to the country some time ago. The bays' former stables and the quarters above them were demolished, but the grey's stables escaped with broken windows and minor damage.

The State and other ceremonial coaches are also intact owing to the precautions taken. Chief damage was done to a block of buildings in the courtyard. There were no casualties.

"ILLUSTRIOUS FIGURE IN GREEK HISTORY"

A tribute to General Metaxas as one of the "illustrious figures of Greek history" is paid by King George in a message to the Greek nation.

"With the aid of God," says the King of the Hellenes, "Greece will live and triumph—worthy of our great ancestors, worthy of our heroes and martyrs." — *Reuter*.

WHO IS 'PERCY,' HERO OF TRIPLE RAID RESCUE?

(By A Special Correspondent)

Who is Percy? A charred fragment of a letter is the only clue to the identity of an R.A.F. hero. The newspapers have been asked to help to trace him.

After rescuing a man, wife and their little boy from the wreckage of their bombed home, risking death from dislodged timbers which threatened to collapse on him, the young airman walked shyly away from an admiring crowd.

As he went the letter fluttered from his pocket. It says:—

"I have just seen something very dangerous and brave done."

"Our house had collapsed and my parents inside were buried in the debris. I shouted for someone to try to get them out."

Smoked — Vanished

"A young R.A.F. chap came along and endangered his own life by going right into the thick of

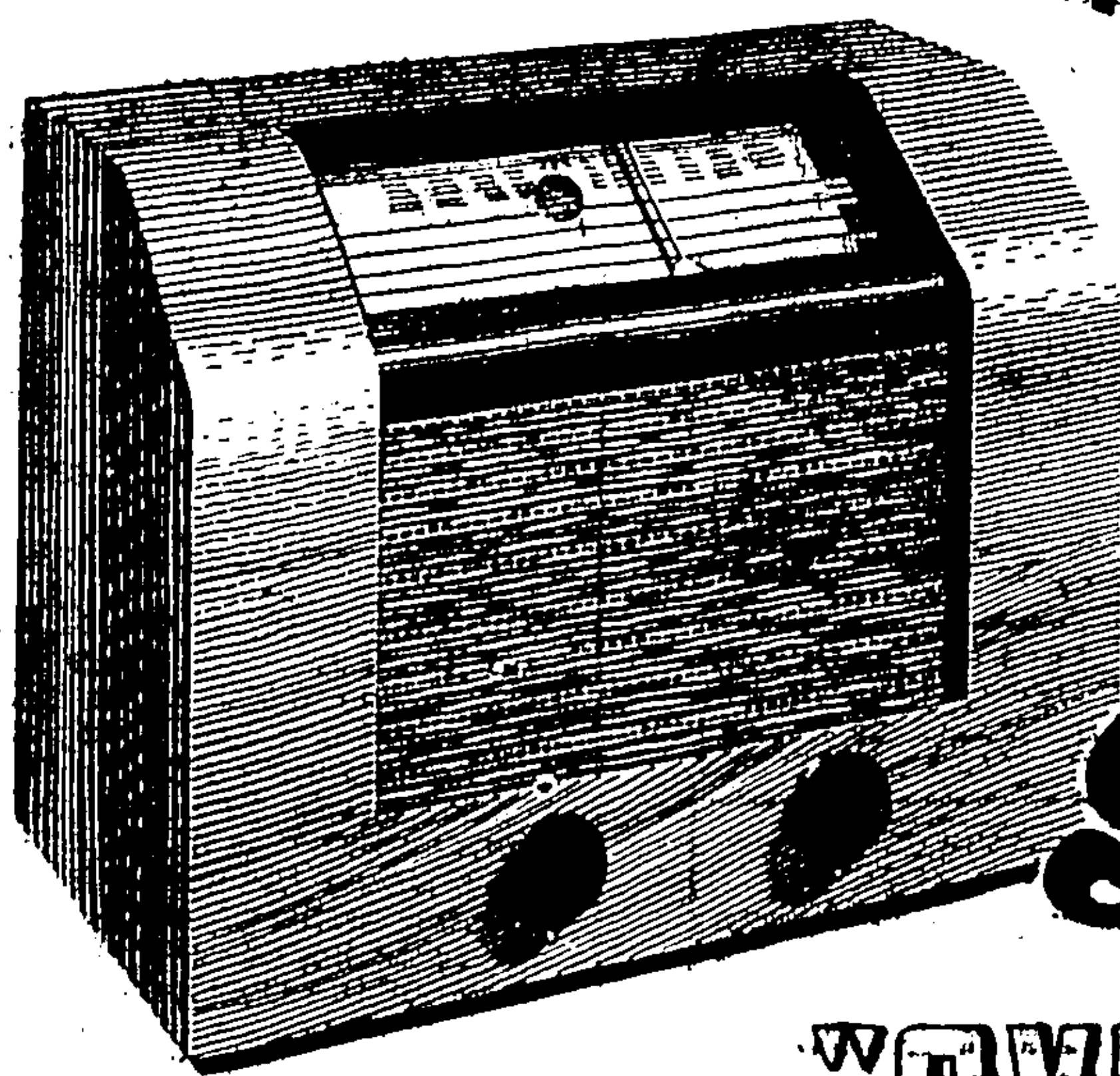
things, and rescued my mother, father and small brother."

"He had to crawl among a mass of timber which was likely to collapse at any moment to rescue them."

"When I looked round to thank him afterwards he had vanished. Someone gave him a cup of tea and he had a smoke, and dropped a paper which got burned."

"It does not tell you much, but I hope you can find out who he is. He deserves all honour and praise."

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R.A.F. MEETS & BEATS ITALY'S LATEST IN BOMBERS

A BRITISH FIGHTER PATROL has just fought an engagement with a formation of Italy's latest bombers over the southern Albanian front, one enemy bomber being shot down in flames. The British patrol suffered no loss.

Headquarters of the R.A.F. in Greece stated yesterday that a formation of our fighter aircraft on offensive patrol in southern Albania on Tuesday encountered a number of enemy bombers — Cantaz 107 and Breda 20 types.

Our aircraft at once attacked and shot down one enemy bomber in flames, while several others were damaged. The enemy formations were broken up successfully and deflected from their target. All our aircraft returned safely.

New Dive-Bomber

The Cantaz 107 is one of Italy's latest bombers. Its range is reputed to be 3,000 miles and its three engines give it a top speed of 230 miles an hour.

The Breda 20 is unlisted in London but it is likely to be the new Breda "Picchiatelli" dive-bomber with which the Italian air force hoped to emulate the deeds of the German Junkers 87 dive-bomber.

Its speed is 250 miles an hour and it has a bomb-carrying capacity of 2,200 lbs., similar to the Nazi aircraft.—Reuter.

KILLED AS RAN TO HER BABIES

Four young children were made motherless in a raid on a north-east town when the twenty-two-year-old wife of a soldier, Mrs. M. Hairsine, was killed.

Her companion, Doreen Walker, eighteen, was also killed.

They had been out for a walk and were hurrying back home when a bomb exploded, killing them as they were climbing a fence as a short cut.

Four high-explosive bombs were dropped by a lone raider in another area.

A nineteen-year-old girl, Irene Close, extricated herself from the debris of one house and rescued one of two children left in her care. She then went back to save the other child.

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With four of her sons in the Forces, four more registered and expecting to be called up, and a daughter in the Red Cross, the family of Mrs. Barr, of Stevenston, Ludlow, Shropshire, is playing its part in Britain's war effort.

"And," says Mrs. Barr, a widow with nine sons and three daughters, "I think I might look for some sort of war work myself."

"My sons Jack, Peter and Dennis are in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, and George is an air gunner in the R.A.F."

"Stanley, Henry, Tom and Bert have had their medical examinations. Tom will probably join his brothers. The other three want to become air gunners."

"Jim, the eldest, aged thirty-five, like all his brothers, is a butcher by profession."

CHANDRA BOSE MYSTERY

There was still no news in Calcutta yesterday of Mr. Chandra Bose, the Indian Leftist leader, who disappeared a few days ago.—Reuter.

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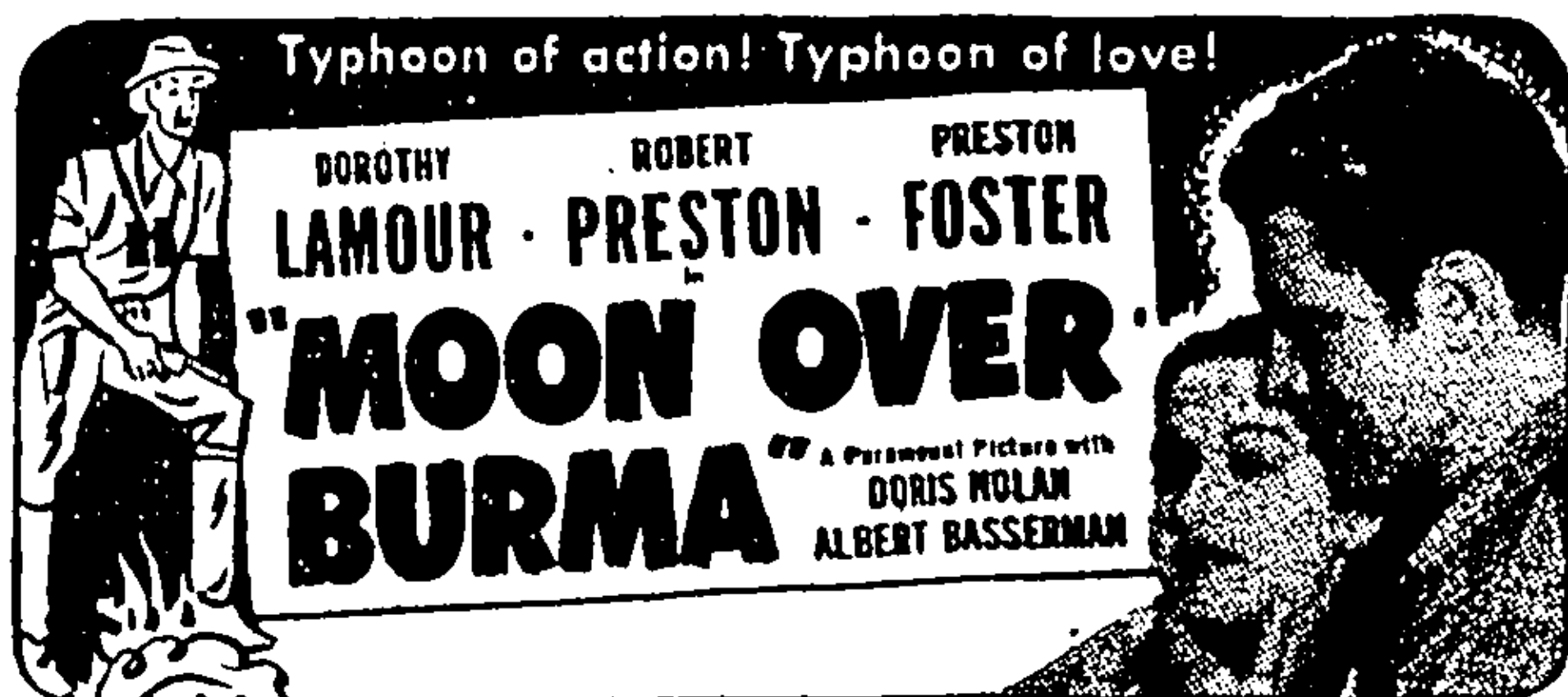
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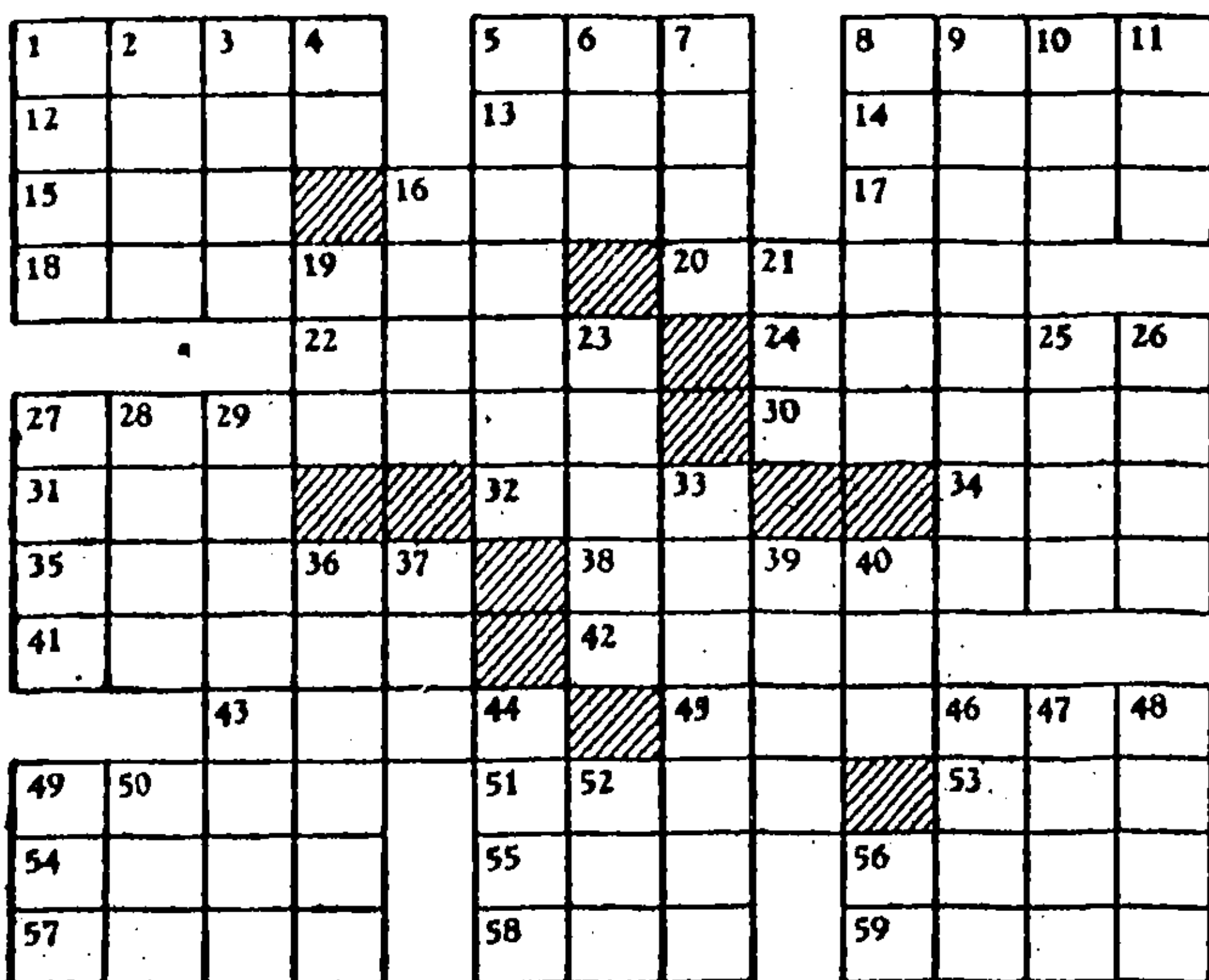


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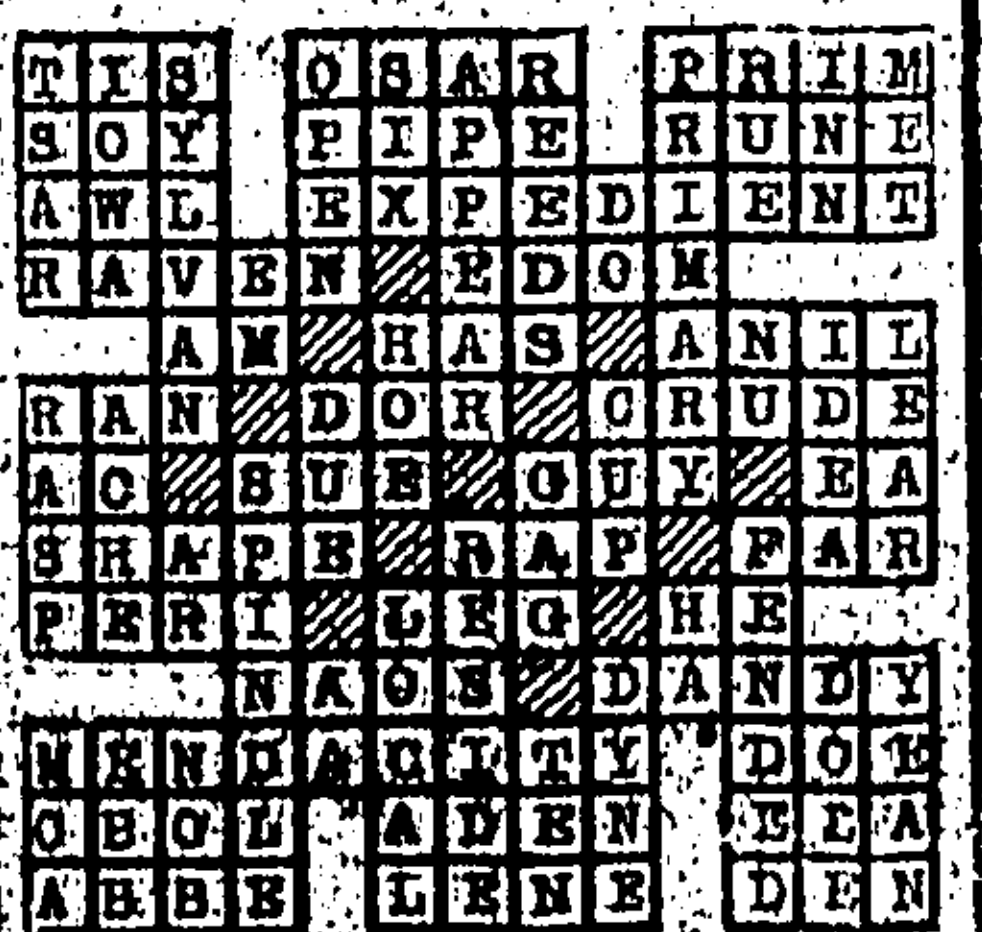
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 - 27 French bacteriologist
 - 30 Ethical
 - 31 Slander final
 - 32 Male
 - 34 Unit
 - 35 Wooden shoe
 - 38 Gland in the neck
 - 41 Moment
 - 42 Comfort
 - 43 To grant temporary use of
 - 45 To derive by reasoning
 - 49 Trunkaction
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 - 55 Cry of cat
 - 56 Sacred Buddhist language
 - 57 Vertical timber
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



TROOPS PUNISHED IN PUBLIC

Punishment of a party of Royal Field Artillery men is being made a public spectacle in a North Yorkshire village.

For more than a week inhabitants have gathered at their doors—and scores of evacuees have stood on the market cross—to watch five young men with full pack march for an hour three times daily up and down one of the hilly streets.

This has been part of their punishment for a military offence.

Motorists passing through the village have been held up by onlookers.

No complaint can be made that the punishment was improperly ordered—that is not the concern of the villagers—but the selection of the punishment place has led to many protests to the clerk of the parish council.

The village feels that the men no matter what their crime, should not suffer public humiliation.

Medieval

"No prisoner sentenced by a civil Court would have to put up with it," said one resident.

"It is going back to the medieval days of stocks, ducking chairs and public floggings.

"Surely no crime warrants a British soldier being made a laughing stock."

The headmaster of the village school said: "It is disgraceful. It would be better if the men kept their energy for the Germans."

Outside the village there are miles of moorland.

The largest landowner in the district is willing to place land at the disposal of the military where punishment could be carried out out of sight.

WAR PRISONERS' BATTLE DRESS

Large quantities of British battle-dress uniforms and great-coats from War Office stocks are being sent to Germany through the International Red Cross at Geneva for our prisoners of war in German camps.

Sir Edward Grigg, Under-Secretary for War, explained in a Parliamentary answer that under the Geneva Convention captor States contract to supply clothing, underwear and footwear to prisoners of war. He added that the United States authorities have been asked to press the German Government to carry out their obligations in this respect.

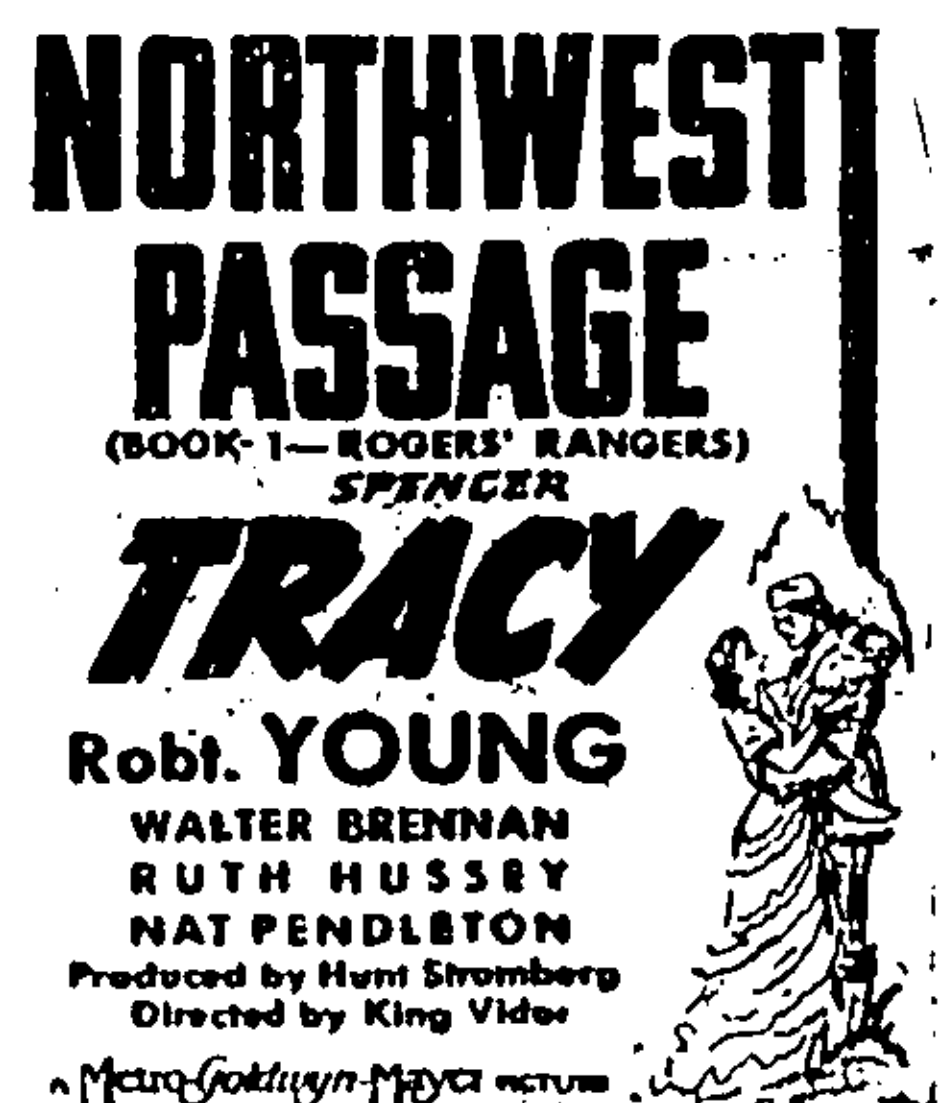
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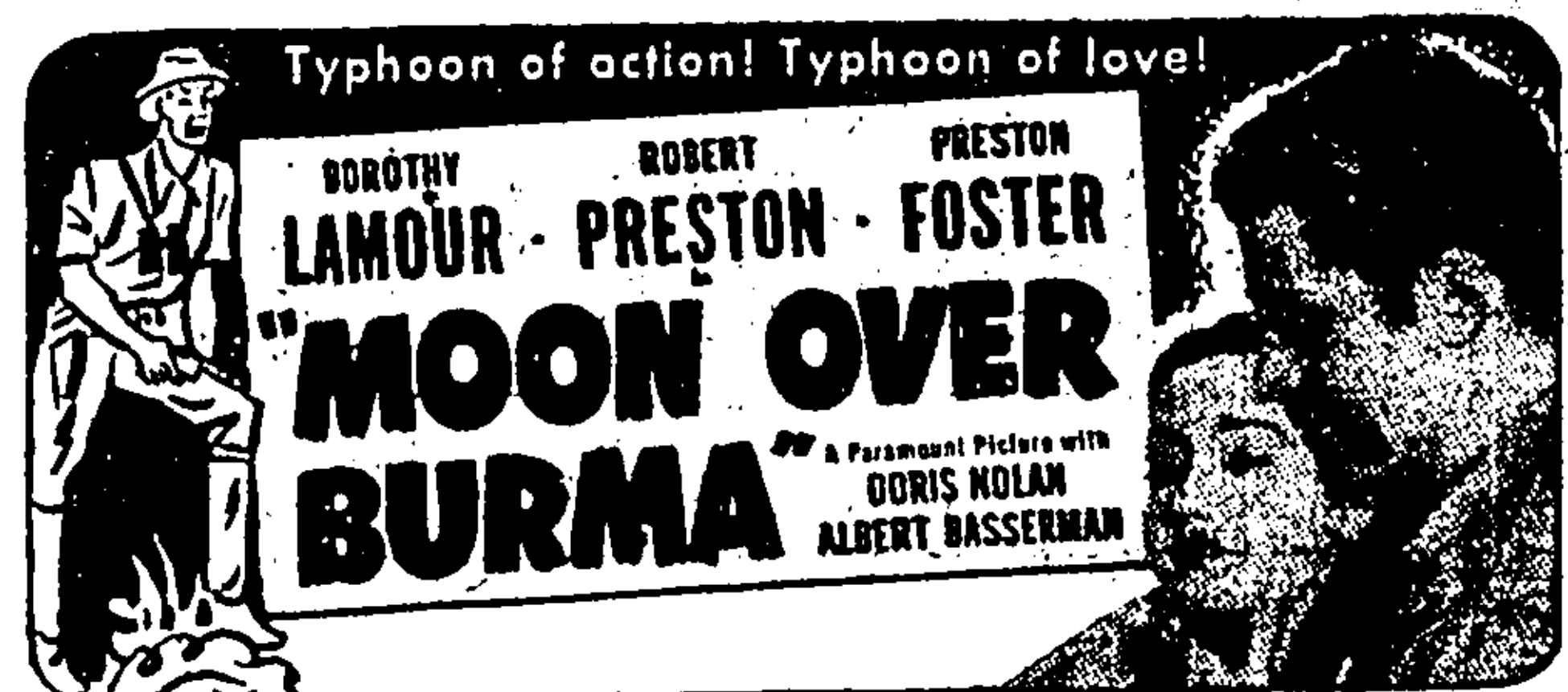
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SURVIVORS OF "EMPRESS" TELL OF BOMBING

HOW THE EMPRESS OF BRITAIN was attacked by a German bomber in the Atlantic was told by survivors who landed at a British port recently to the "Manchester Guardian." The ship was set on fire by the raider's bombs, and while in tow she blew up and sank. Some 598 survivors out of a total on board of 643 have been landed by British warships.

The ship's commander, Captain Charles Howard Sapsworth, was among the survivors. He stood on the bridge until it was burning away beneath him, encouraging his anti-aircraft gunners as they battled with the German plane until all were killed or wounded and the guns were out of action.

The Nazi raider then continued to machine-gun the bridge and the helpless passengers on deck. Captain Sapsworth brought the King and Queen back in the Empress of Britain from their Canadian tour.

Far beneath the gunners, in the bowels of the liner, other men kept the engines going though they had to wear gas masks because of the smoke and fumes.

After dropping his first bombs the Nazi plane returned and dropped four more, including incendiaries. The liner caught fire, and passengers took to the boats, but some could not be lowered as they were set ablaze by the bombs. Sailors made rafts for passengers.

There was little danger of the ship sinking immediately, and there was ample time for women and children to get into the boats. While awaiting instructions they had stayed below without panic. Many of those on board could not get away immediately, and about 300 of them made their way to the forecastle. The last were not taken off until six hours later. In the stern about 100 people gathered, but they were all taken off within an hour of the attack.

Several members of the crew paid a tribute to a naval officer aboard the Empress of Britain.

"He took a party of men through the flames and smoke to try to launch some of the starboard boats," said one sailor. "They managed to get one of the boats lowered, but then had to beat a retreat. That one boat saved a lot of lives."

Once again the R.A.F. played its part. The occupants of one boat sighted a British flying-boat, and cheered when the R.A.F. men signalled that rescue ships were on the way. The occupants of the boat were picked up three-quarters of an hour later by a warship.

Baby Among the Rescued

The youngest passenger on board—eleven-month-old Neville Hart—was saved. He was tied in a blanket on the back of a sailor who slid down sixty feet of rope to a lifeboat. The child's mother, father, sister, and brother were also saved. Their home is at Aldridge, Staffs.

His sister Beryl, aged nineteen, said: "I was in my cabin, near my mother's, when the first bomb struck the liner. There was a terrific noise and my cabin was wrecked before I was able to leave it. My mother called and I scrambled through the wreckage and reached her. We stayed below. Soon fire broke out, and it was raging all around us."

"My little brother did not seem to trouble at all. We remained in the ship for about two hours before we were safely lowered to the lifeboats. We were in the boats for six and a half hours before we were picked up by British warships."

Mr. J. P. Donovan, of Southampton, said: "As soon as the bombing began about forty or fifty of us lay down on the deck of the forecastle. The lights went out in this part of the ship. With the assistance of torches we made our way forward, and when we reached the bows conditions were not too bad. The captain had manoeuvred the vessel so that the forward part would be clear of smoke and flames."

"Finally about 300 people, including women and children, were gathered. Half an hour after the attack some of the boats lowered from the starboard side came up forward, and we got all the women and children and as many others as possible into them. The sea was pretty calm and we

did not experience much difficulty here."

Rafts Made

"These boats were full up and we still had about 140 people on the forecastle. We hoped there would be boats for us sometime or other, but in case there were not we began to make rafts. We got all the wood we could—cabin doors, doors between decks, and awning spars—and made sea rafts. We pushed these to the rails ready to tip into the water and tied lines to them so that they would not float away."

"One man who was in the water came up the rope to the deck and helped a sailor to lower a boat. This boat was the means of many lives being saved."

"Owing to the fire spreading quickly a number of the boats had to be got away with only four men in them, the idea being to get them safely afloat and then get the people into them. The trouble was that four men could not row these heavy boats, and then the motor-boat which could have towed them to where they were needed most got a knock as it was being lowered and the engine would not start."

"The coxswain, named McKinnon, and an R.A.F. officer did excellent work between them. McKinnon had about a dozen people in the motor-boat with him, but none of them could get the engine to start. We managed to row the boat to the lifeboat nearby in the hope that someone there could help. There we came across the R.A.F. officer, and he managed to get the engine going. It was easy after that. The motor-boat towed the empty lifeboats up to the ship, where the flames had been spreading, and it was not long after until we were all away. I was one of the last men to leave the ship."

"All these hours the flames had been spreading forward and the heat and smoke were most trying. One man who had been in the sea was dried in a short time just by standing near a bulwark."

"Then a British flying-boat came along. It signalled to us that rescue ships were on the way. We cheered. A British warship came up about three-quarters of an hour later. The Navy was grand, and soon had us all on board."

Fire's Rapid Spread

Another member of the crew said he thought a number of people were killed and injured by the explosion of the bombs and by the aircraft's machine-guns.

"It was typical of the Nazi airman," he said, "to machine-gun the helpless passengers after he had put our guns out of action with his bombs. He machine-gunned the bridge heavily, but the machine-gunner there fought back bravely. I heard our skipper commending him highly. The skipper himself was very cool. He stayed on the bridge until it was literally burning beneath his feet, and he was on the forepart until the very end."

"I cannot describe how quickly the fire spread. The ship caught fire within a few minutes as the result of hits by incendiary bombs. If it had not been for the fire, we would never have had to leave the ship."

"We managed to collect some of the injured and carry them up, where some other men and I stayed with the ship's doctor helping to attend them, until we were taken off."

Women's Bravery

One of the stewards said: "The women were very brave. One of

THEATRE IS CATHEDRAL

They can't black-out Exeter Cathedral, so the authorities have taken the Theatre Royal for Sunday evening services.

No collections and "religion without frills" are features of these services for young people, to be conducted from the stage.

The Dean, Dr. S. C. Carpenter, told a reporter: "There will be no frills. The speakers will not aim at being eloquent or emotional, but will try to give plain answers to the difficult religious questions of to-day."

"A great many of the Exeter churches are closing on Sunday evenings because they cannot properly darken their windows."

Hymns On Screen

"The Cathedral is similarly affected."

No doubt parents will stay at home, but the younger folk will probably want to go out. These theatre services are intended for them.

"It is hoped that these services will attract also those people who walk about the streets on Sunday nights."

"The whole thing will be easy. Words of the hymns will be flashed on to a screen. There will be no charge for admission and no collections."

BUY THEIR OWN BOMB

The Minister of Supply has acknowledged a cheque for £40 15s. 6d. subscribed by the residents of Simeloengoen, a district on the east coast of Sumatra, for the purchase of "a bomb to be dropped fairly and squarely on some definite objective in Germany on their behalf."

The residents of Simeloengoen have been assured that they need have no doubts that the bomb will be dropped in the manner they desire.

them, a Mrs. Stratton, found herself on a raft. Not far away was a lifeboat, but as it had only four men in it it appeared that it could not reach the raft, so Mrs. Stratton and a steward swam to the boat."

Describing how he received injuries to his hands a steward said, "I went down the rope to get into the boat, but when I got to the water the boat had disappeared. I hung on for a time and it was then that my hands were hurt. I then found an empty lifebelt box floating about. I was wearing my lifebelt, but I can swim only a few strokes. I managed to get to the box, and then it overturned and I was trapped inside it below the water. How I managed to free myself I do not know. . . . I have a vague memory of a pal of mine appearing from somewhere with a boat-hook, but I don't remember being pulled into the lifeboat."

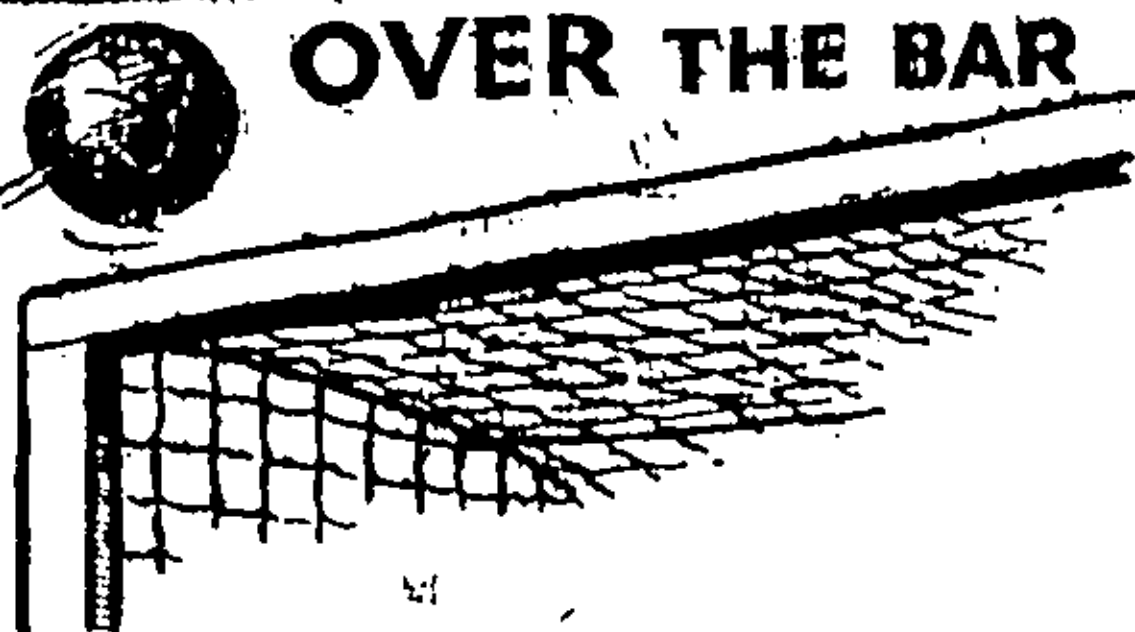
A man who was among the last party to leave the forecastle said, "By the time we left the forecastle was red hot and the paint was falling off like strips of canvas."

An engine-room officer said, "We kept the engines running for about three-quarters of an hour after the attack, but the smoke and fumes were so bad below that we had to wear our gas masks as we went about our jobs. The lights were on, but we needed electric torches as well to see what we were doing. When the time came to abandon ship we had a bit of a struggle to get on deck."

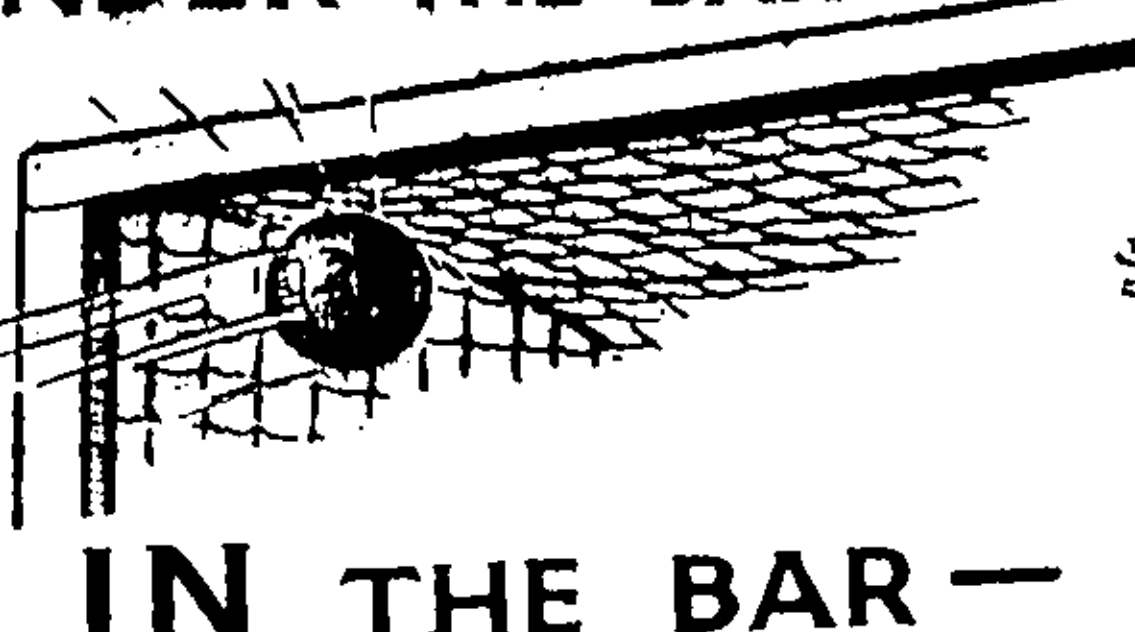
George Larkin, a fireman of Liverpool, said: "The first I heard was machine-gun fire. A moment later a bomb struck the ship. We were trapped and we had to go right forward again through black choking smoke and fumes. Two men collapsed from suffocation before we reached safety by climbing to the upper deck."

Several members of the ship's crew were killed and wounded as they strove to keep the raiders off. Those manning a Lewis gun were shot down by the raiders' machine-guns as they fired at it.

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THE NEW "LEAGUE OF NATIONS"

The same sardonic theatricalism that impelled Hitler to force the French to capitulate in the famous armistice car in the forest of Compiègne inspires the Germans to describe the bloc they are busily imposing on Europe as a "league of nations." This is the brand of satire the Nazis relish; it illuminates the real character of a revolution motivated by a spirit of vengeance and directed by a leader driven ahead by the desire to get even with the rest of the world.

Applying the name of League of Nations to a forced draft of conscript States emphasises as well as anything the quality of Hitler's new order. It is like a bad caricature, drawn by some evil genius, of the plan for a community of free nations which Hitler did most to wreck when he broke the League Covenant and the Treaty of Locarno.

The assembly at Geneva was created to be a forum of small nations; it was the first international congress in history in which the little countries spoke as loudly as the big powers. In Hitler's league they will have no voice at all. As he incorporates Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria into the system, encircles Yugoslavia as Sweden is encircled, puts the pressure of all on resistant Greece, the whole continent will be bound by a silence as complete as the tomb-like quiet of the occupied lands. One voice, very loud and familiar—will speak for all. No State can keep out of this "league," or get out once it is in; none, we are told, can maintain even a "silent partnership with the British firm" and play even its mum and minor role in the future of Europe.

Opposition to Britain is, in fact, the only binding principle. Hitler's league is simply a war front against the British. It is significant that the new continental order begins "west of Russia," and in this connection the most interesting item in the announcements from Berlin is the statement in one of the most conservative of Nazi organs, the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt," that recent diplomatic developments in Europe and also in the Far East are proceeding "with the authoritative cooperation and full approval of the Soviet Union." There is

Who Holds Khartoum Holds One of the Keys To Egypt

Khartoum, Mecca of the hyena hordes of Mussolini, has a history which bridges all known centuries. When the Queen of Sheba set out on her journey to King Solomon she went to Sir Flinders Petrie believes, from Merot, capital of that region, the Sudan, of which Khartoum is now the head and jewel.

Khartoum, in those dim days when what is now the Bible record was no more than the tangled legends of desert tribes, was a fishing village. Its mud-walled huts, straw-thatched, basking in dusty sunshine, querulous with goats and screaming children, stood on a tongue of chocolate-soil.

On one side flowed the mighty waters of the Blue Nile, sparkling with the snow-water brilliance of Abyssinian mountain torrents. On the other the White Nile, milky-coloured, came down broad-bosomed from the ghostly, unknown heart of Africa.

By Test Of Battle

In front of the fishing village these two great waters united to form that vast river the Nile—river of conquerors and Pharaohs, of vanished cities and dead gods, of old wars and crumbled empires. To-day the ownership of that ancient river may well decide the future of the world. The prophecy of the pyramids is about to be fulfilled within sight of their immutable stones. The nations of the world clutch their weapons, tighten their reins.

Khartoum, the jewel of the Sudan, is high among the prizes. For he who wins Khartoum holds the southern key to Egypt, even as he who takes Alexandria has the key to the north. Egypt is the guardian of the Suez Canal, and the national which straddles the canal has its foot upon the vertebra of the British Empire.

They called it Khartoum in the first days when Tirhakah was King of Ethiopia and Hezekiah was King of Judea, because the tongue of land upon which stood the fishing huts was shaped like an elephant's trunk, whereof the word is khartoum.

Kitchener's Vision

For a time this wild land of desert, savage hills and mighty rivers was Christian. St. Athanasius is said to have introduced the faith from Abyssinia. There are to-day the dusty remains of Christian churches in Soba, 10 miles south of Khartoum: their piles of forgotten bricks are scattered here and there in the trim, toylike mud towns of Dongola. When the Arabs swept in across the Red Sea in the Eighth Century Christianity was overwhelmed there and the Muslim creed was paramount.

Long before the brief period of Christian enlightenment the Sudan was ruled by a monstrous race of queens, the Canadace, Amazons of a terrifying mould. Their portraits in stone invariably show them hauling along a bunch of prisoners by the hair in one hand and brandishing a battle-axe in the other.

One hundred and twenty years ago, when the all-conquering Turkish and Egyptian armies of that great Albanian adventurer Mohamed Ali the First, ancestor of King Farouk of Egypt, invaded the Sudan they pitched upon the fishing village as the strategic key of their new-won territories.

It is the key to-day; but it is more. Lord Kitchener in 1910 prophesied that by 1960 Khartoum would be the greatest city in Africa, provider of all the cotton that Lancashire can need, mighty market of wheat, sugar, rice, gum arabic, rubber, hides and oil. That prophecy is well on the way to fulfilment. To-day the Governmental City of Khartoum proper has a population of 46,676; Khartoum North one of 107,720, and Omdurman, across the river, 110,000.

no reason to doubt that Stalin, whose policy is dictated by fear of Hitler, has given the go-ahead signal. That circumstance simply adds the plaster cornice to a fake structure, exhibited before the foundation stone is laid and doomed to fall long before it is built.

959 — a total of more than 265,000 people, so far as the difficulties of census-taking in swarming native cities can allow accuracy.

The city proper is magnificently modern, clean and well planned. Its hotels are unimpeachable, its streets broad, its shops

By
J. Wentworth Day

good, transport excellent, and sanitation above reproach. What was in the days of the Mahdi a squalid, mud-walled town, stinking of cruelty and corruption, is to-day one of the world's model cities, a shining tribute to British rule. Khartoum is young, splendid and eager.

Let it be remembered that it is only 42 years since this whole land of the Sudan was a slave State under the bloody heel of that mad Khalifa in whose brief reign of 13 years a population of eight and a half millions was reduced by famine, disease and battle to one and a half millions.

Nearly every town and village was in ruins. Flocks and herds were wiped out. Men and women were crucified. Dogs, vultures and the sword were partners in government.

Even the date palms were hewn down by the Mahdi's followers in their frenzy of destruction. Britain was hated with a blood-lust of religious fervour which caused the Sudanese to fling themselves under withering fire on to British bayonets. Those "low white clouds" of maddened tribesmen died hailing us with the last breath.

I have talked of those wars in the villages of the Nile with old men, black as night, stringy as camels, who fought against us. Their old eyes still light up mischievously with the memories of fighting.

To-day the Sudan has a population of 6,342,477, of whom only 52,625 are non-native. Could any more eloquent testimony be given to the beneficence of British rule than a jump in the population of nearly 5,000,000 in 40 years? Of the 960,600 square miles which make up this vast territory, as big as all Europe bar Russia, the 9,000,000 acres at the back of Khartoum, between the two rivers,

is among the richest land in all the world. It will grow anything which grows in alluvial Africa.

The country, which is 1,650 miles in length from Egypt to Uganda and the borders of the Belgian Congo, has 1,091 miles of railways, 5,854 miles of telegraph and telephone routes, 23 wireless stations, a fleet of Government steamers on the Nile, ample motor transport, and a submarine cable across the Red Sea to the Kingdom of the Hedjaz.

Since the Anglo-Egyptian armies overthrew the Mahdi's fanatics the country has been governed by a Governor-General appointed by Egypt, with the assent of Great Britain, a state of affairs embodied in a convention signed with Cairo on Jan. 10, 1899, and reaffirmed in the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1926. The British and Egyptian flags fly together. Laws are made by proclamation. Imports from Egypt are duty free. Slavery is abolished.

The country is defended by the Sudan Defence Force, one of the finest Colonial forces in the world. It owes allegiance to the Governor-General, although since the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty was signed a few Egyptian troops have returned to Khartoum and Port Sudan.

Line of Great Men

This Defence Force has been built up by the tireless labours and in the great traditions of a mighty line of Sirdars and Governors-General. Names of the great men of the Sudan ring through the brief and stirring pageant of its present history—Gordon and Kitchener, Slatin Pasha and Hicks Pasha, Wingate and Lee Stack, down to Sir John Maffey and his successor of to-day, Sir Stuart Symes, a Governor-General cast in the true mould of British pro-Consuls, that individual race of men whose motto of rule is "Persuade but be firm."

The tradition of Kitchener is strong in the land. The hand of the great Sirdar seems still living on every brick and stone. His name is constantly in men's mouths. It is as though one dwelt in a land where the living walk hand in hand with the mighty dead.

I shall not soon forget that ramrod-like Bimbashi, black as coal, smart as a grenadier, with the magnificent boots and Savile-row breeches, who fought with Kitchener at Omdurman. This whipcord man of war remembered Mr. Churchill as a dashing subaltern. Seventy-three years old and as active as a snipe, his contempt for the Italians was summed up in one terse phrase—"The sons of jackals."

After Omdurman

Let Mussolini, Scipio Africanus (very much Minor) remember in his African venture not only the fate of Cambyse's armies, swallowed in the Libyan desert, but that more recent sign of this present spirit in the Sudan, when, on Sept. 3, 1898, two days after the battle of Omdurman, Kitchener held that impressive ceremony at Khartoum on the spot where Gordon fell.

The Union Jack flew from the ruined palace in the scorching desert sunlight. The troops, sand-stained, black and brown, were drawn up in impressive lines. Native faces, scarred with the tribal marks on either cheek, stretched in silent waves to left and right. Under the hot sun the two voices of the Sudan—English and Arabic—rolled thunderously in the National Anthem of Great Britain. A day worthy of Alexander the Great—Grecian in its epic significance.

Gordon was avenged; Britain's prestige was restored. Egypt was saved from invasion. That day may well come again, and soon. For in the Sudan Kitchener kindled a flame for the future which, though strong, is not yet fully bright.

The priests of Ephesus said at Alexander's birth: "This day there is in some part of the world a torch kindled which shall one day consume all the East."

We, too, may say when the battle of Egypt and the Sudan is joined, that such a light will be lit in Africa as will not die till the Axis, its faith, its Mediterranean mercenaries have perished in the sands which swallowed the empires of the past.

Silk Stockings

Homily From A Victorian

"This mad scramble for silk stockings is a disgrace to our sex," said Grandmamma. Her evening gown was long enough to conceal her feet entirely, and not even Ida had the courage to ask what sort of hosiery its folds concealed. "Does none of you know there's a war on?" she added, for the old never weary of clichés.

"It's all very well," said Ida pacifically. Her husband is in the R.A.F., and she herself was in uniform till she resigned for what Grandmamma calls "nursery reasons." "But what else are we to wear? Everyone always has worn silk stockings."

"Always indeed!" snorted Grandmamma. "Why I read only the other day that Queen Elizabeth was the first woman in England to wear silk stockings, and they were carpentered out of a bit of silk, I gather, so you wouldn't have cared for them! And everyone indeed! Do you realise that my generation never wore anything but woollen stockings till they were grown up? Black ribbed woollen stockings, summer and winter, and we," said Grandmamma, striking out rather unfairly on a side issue of her own, "never had our tonsils or adenoids dragged out in this lax modern way!"

"But Grannie, you can't have worn them for dances or parties," protested Ida.

Grandmamma paused, uncertain, as old ladies often are, whether to portray a past devoid of foolish, unnecessary gaiety or one in which she ruled as a queen of charm and attraction. The latter was evidently winning as she admitted, "Well, yes, we had fine white cotton stockings for parties I remember, but not silk. My grandmother gave me two pairs once, given to her at the time of the Great Exhibition. They had the date—1856 or so—embroidered in open work across the ankles and she thought them too fast to wear. I wore them once, I recollect, at a garden party, and the midges bit through them till I found the date across my instep in red spots on my return. For we did not scratch our legs in public in those days, my dear."

"Well, when did you begin silk, anyway?" asked Ida. "My first pair was given me when I married; very thick with lace openwork, and they cost a guinea. I had a black pair and a pink pair, too. I remember, but that was all. I was saying to your mother only yesterday how odd it is how one forgets these things. We cannot remember when people began to wear brown, or

even grey, stockings, but we think it must have been about the beginning of the century when so many girls took to sport of every kind and skirts grew shorter—though even then six inches off the ground was enough for us. It was only in that time of licence after the Great War, when skirts literally flared upwards, that I remember purchasing grey or bronze stockings as a matter of course and that the shops began to produce cheap silk varieties. It was then that everyone, as you say, began to wear them, and a great mistake too. Old people got rheumatism in their legs and young people had an endless strain on their dress allowances. And as for the working classes" (Grandmamma still employs this old-world term), "I think silk stockings did far, far more harm than cinemas or wireless or even education! Not a girl will get down to a good scrub or turn out a room as she should in those ridiculous flimsy things. Girls live in one perpetual fear, that they'll ladder their stockings. That's why, when they marry, they eat out of tins and neglect their children. They won't bother to cook and they spend half their money on their legs. I have great hopes that this restriction may put good sensible wool on their legs and ideas into their heads, and that we shall see a better England even before the war is over. For, as I always say, good may come, even out of evil!"

It was unfortunate that Grandmamma emphasised this noble thought with a tap of her foot, so that the watchful Ida could exclaim reproachfully:

"Oh, Grannie! You've the best silk stockings yourself!"

"Not at all," said Grandmamma undismayed. "I am wearing, as I always do, a pair of thin silk over a pair of Lisle thread. Let me hand the idea on to all you young people. The material below trebles the life of the silk and the effect is very rich. It is my own idea and I am proud of it."

"But what will you do when they're all worn out?" asked Ida. "I have laid in enough during the last year to last my time, I hope," replied the old lady majestically.

"Without remembering that there was a war on," murmured Ida, but Grandmamma turned on her undismayed.

"When you have lived through as many wars as I have you learn prudence," she said majestically as she rose to take herself. Winifred Peck.

BOMB DAMAGE IN FAMOUS LONDON AREAS

SOME IDEA of the damage done to the best-known centres of London by Nazi bombers is given in a letter just received by a Shanghaier from a correspondent at Home, who lost everything in a hurried evacuation from France and arrived in London in time for the worst of the Nazi air raids. He calls his letter a "dull effusion." Readers can judge for themselves.

You cannot imagine what a joy your letter was to me and how I lapped up all its intensely-interesting news. It was just grand to hear all the bits about the dear old friends—the next best thing to being amongst you all again.

And now—what has happened to us all? I don't know where to begin to tell you what has happened to us, and life is now such perpetual ruddy blush that I must put it in a nutshell. We had a few hours' notice to quit Lyons, and left on June 17, just before the Boches walked in. We were too late to make Bordeaux and had to turn south, and eventually reached Sete on the Mediterranean. There we were stuck for five days, and on the point of trying to smuggle ourselves into Spain when by the grace of God a British destroyer put in, took us off, and dumped us on a troopship. We picked up a conveyance at Gib., and after a fortnight's fearful journey, arrived at Liverpool on July 8.

Everything Lost

We were only able to bring a couple of suit cases each, and have lost everything, of course. We had chosen nice stuff carefully, with a view to retirement, and now it is all gone. The last thing to abandon was the car, on the quayside at Sete. However, we were lucky enough to get away with our lives. At best we should have been in concentration camps by now.

After a fortnight's holiday D. got a job in our London office, heaven be praised, and I am working in a canteen at the Beaver Club, Trafalgar Square (Canadian). It is hard work and I am always dead beat at the end of the day, but it is interesting and the Canadian soldiers are lovely boys. A good many of them live in our boarding house (Bedford Place) and we have uproariously jolly times while the bombs are whistling around outside. D. says it is not safe here at night (nowhere is safe!) so he sleeps in the shelter underneath the office, and I did too last week. But sometimes I can't make it before the sirens go and the guns begin, so then I sleep in the basement here with the rest of the household.

It would make you sad to see the wreckage of some of the dear old spots. Leicester Square is a shambles, and lots of others of our well-known "beaten tracks." Trafalgar Square has caught it badly, but Nelson still stands unperturbed. My club had seven incendiary bombs on the roof on Friday night, and it took the Fire Brigade five hours to put out the fire. The top floor is gutted, and all day on Saturday water was dripping on to our heads while we worked. However, order was soon restored and all the meals went through as usual, except that we couldn't manage the suet pudding. My chief job is fruit salad, of which I make enough for 250 portions every day—then dole them out. Also I have hundreds of small jobs such as milk shakes, sandwiches, ice-cream sodas, hot-dogs, flapjacks, etc.

Gas Mains Burst

My sister and her husband are well, and so far their house has been lucky enough to escape—touch wood! (All our back windows are gone). What a life! There is a lot to be said for it, because there's such heaps of variety—heaps of discomfort too when that blasted Adolf bursts the gas and water mains. But it's marvellous how quickly our people put these things right—we were only two weeks without water and three weeks without gas. And during that time they were bust several times. Now we are all right, again until the next time. (There is a raid on

now, and I can hear the devils flying over, and an occasional gun).

Piccadilly Circus has been bombed several times, and the Regent Palace has had a few incendiaries on the roof, but nothing of much importance. They have good shelters there.

I am afraid this is a dull effusion and I wanted to write you something really interesting and cheery for Christmas. I do hope you and A. will have a happy day, followed by a real good New Year's Day, and topped off by everything you desire during the coming year. I know that I won't get my heart's desire. I want Adolf, all for my very own Christmas present—and a great big mincing machine. Pass Adolf through slowly, followed by Goering, Goebbels & Co., as seasoning, and invite all the dogs in London to dinner.

V.C KILLED BY A SPARROW

The body of a sparrow in the furnace pipe of a colliery laboratory caused the death of Alfred Robert Wilkinson, forty-three, a V.C. of the last war.

This conclusion was reached by the coroner at the resumed inquest at Leigh, Lancs., where a verdict of Death by misadventure was returned.

Wilkinson, who was employed as a tester at Bickershaw Colliery, was found gassed in a laboratory.

Since the adjournment of the inquest, it was stated, a post-mortem examination of a sparrow, found in a pipe leading from a furnace, had revealed that the blood of the bird was 35 per cent saturated with carbon monoxide.

The doctor who made the post-mortem said he did not know the lethal dose of carbon monoxide for a sparrow.

THE GREAT OAK STILL STANDS

One of Britain's most picturesque and historic forests is suffering, though indirectly, through Hitler's blitzkrieg.

German successes on the Continent have hit timber imports to Britain, and home production has had to be speeded up. That is why the Forest of Dean is now coming under the axe.

Top Speed

The Forestry Unit of the Royal Engineers, working in collaboration with the Forestry Commission, is engaged in the work of timber production in the Forest of Dean, which is in South-West England, between the rivers Severn and Wye.

Milling plant is working at top speed under Army direction, and fresh plants are soon to be established.

There is at least one tree in the forest which is safe from the woodmen, no matter how acute the timber shortage may be.

Historic Tree

That is the historic Great Oak of Newlands, which was mentioned in William the Conqueror's Doomsday Book. Since the tree was exceptionally big in those days, it is now probably about a thousand years old.

Naturally it is decaying now, but enough of it still stands for its great age to be appreciable.

BOMBED SISTER DIES

Eighty-five-year-old Sister Eliza Ding, a Sister of Mercy in an orphanage in a south coast town which was bombed has died in hospital.

She was in bed in a dormitory on the first floor, and she and a colleague, Sister Catherine, were carried with the dormitory furniture and floor to the ground level when the bomb hit the building.

Sister Catherine is also in hospital, but was stated to be in a fair condition.

NURSE DEAD IN FLAT WITH PARSON

AFTER POLICE had discovered a nurse dead on a bed in a Bournemouth flat soon after midnight, a man lying unconscious on the floor was identified as the Rev. Eric Sherrin Tarrant, of The Vicarage, Wool, Dorset.

Mrs. Tarrant went to Bournemouth later, and after making a statement to the police saw her husband in hospital. He had recovered consciousness.

The flat is in Richmond Hill Drive. The nurse, Elsie J. Widgery, was employed at a home for elderly people at Parkstone.

There was a smell of gas in the room. The supply, regulated by a slot meter, had run out.

Apparently Miss Widgery did not go on duty at night and inquiries resulted in a police visit to her flat. They saw through the windows that something was wrong.

Miss Widgery was a well-educated woman, aged about thirty-five. Her home was at South Molton, Devonshire, where her step-mother lives.

Before settling down in Dorset, Mr. Tarrant, who is aged fifty-one, had an adventurous career in the colony of St. Anthony, Newfoundland, where he was in

charge of a parish extending 120 miles.

Trains His Hobby

Model railways are his hobby. A year ago he was working on a locomotive which could draw ten passengers.

He often worked until after midnight on his lathe in the vicarage kitchen.

Mr. Tarrant, ordained in 1913, was appointed curate of St. James, Enfield Highway. He went to Newfoundland in 1915, returning in 1920 to become priest-in-charge of Bathgate Mission, Edinburgh.

After curacies at St. James Inverleith Road, Edinburgh, and St. Peter's Parkstone, he was appointed in 1929 perpetual curate of Wool with East Burton.



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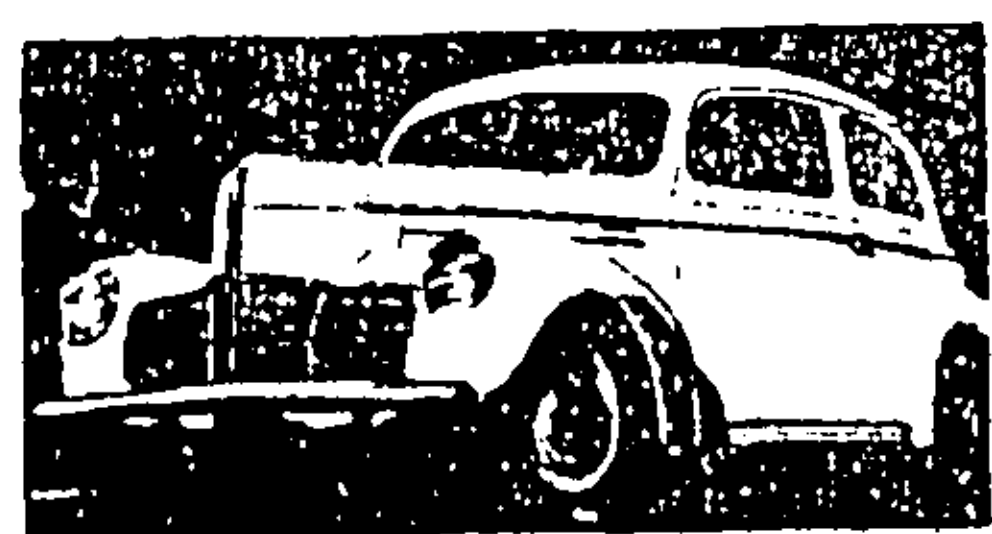
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(By A Shipping Correspondent)

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Already the Navy has been reinforced by the first of the King George V. class, laid down in 1937. The King George V., Prince of Wales, Duke of York, Beatty and Jellicoe are the most formidable battleships ever built.

These 35,000-ton warships, costing £8,000,000 each, have bomb-proof plating and all the latest anti-aircraft devices.

Geared turbines developing 130,000-horse power, will drive them through the water at a maximum designed speed of 30 knots. This is five knots faster than the speed of any existing British battleship.

Besides the main armament of 14in. guns the new battleships will carry a secondary battery of 16 5.25in.

The 5.25in. gun is a new weapon for the Royal Navy. It was first mounted in the cruisers of the Bonaventure class in 1939. It is the result of long experiments and tests and has proved itself capable of attaining a high rate of fire combined with tremendous hitting power and accuracy at long range.

I am informed that this new gun, on past performances, is considered far superior to any naval medium-calibre piece developed by any other nation.

Like A Puzzle

Over a third of the displacement of these capital ships is devoted to armour protection. This will enable them to receive terrific punishment without their fighting efficiency being impaired.

Naval experts have compared to me the general design of their interiors with a Chinese puzzle-box. That is, separate inner hulls are fitted into the outer shell.

Magazines, engine and boiler rooms and all other interior vulnerable spaces are contained in the innermost "box" and surrounded by thick armour belts. In this way vital parts are completely isolated from the effects of explosions which might break the outer hull or even shatter the first of the inner hulls.

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4-Gun Turret

In their armament King George V. and her sisters strike an entirely new note in British practice as the main battery of 10 14in. guns is mounted in two quadruple and one double turret.

The four-gun turret was first used in the French battleship Dunkerque. But whereas the Dunkerque mounts 13in. guns, the 14in. guns of these new British battleships will be the heaviest weapons yet mounted in quadruple turrets.

No torpedo tubes will be mounted, as naval opinion, I am told, inclines to the view that torpedo work is no longer within the province of the capital ship, which can attack more effectively with her guns.

Each of our new battleships will carry a crew of 1,600 officers and men. They were launched considerably more advanced in equipment than is customary. And when this happens the time of completion for sea is, of course, correspondingly shorter.

GIRL IN DARK SAW MURDER

Sitting in the shadows behind the counter of a North London hotel, a girl was a mute witness of the murder of a friend and colleague.

As the strains of dance music from the crowded hotel lounge a few yards away mingled with the dull boom of A.A. guns, Gwendoline Cox, forty-two, the hotel off-licence manageress, fell dying behind the counter with a bullet from the revolver of a masked bandit in her chest.

And as the bandit stood, a smoking revolver in hand, the unseen witness of the tragedy ran into the lounge screaming. "Miss Cox has been shot!"

The band stopped playing, customers jumped to their feet, and the landlord vaulted the counter, ran into the off-licence, and found Miss Cox lying bleeding on the floor.

In her lap was a bottle which she had picked up to defend herself when the gunman with two other men crashed into the little room during the air raid.

Died In Man's Arms

Kneeling down, the landlord placed his thumb in the wound in the dying woman's chest in a vain attempt to stop the bleeding. His wife ran to the door and heard in the darkness the sound of a high-powered car being driven away. Gwendoline Cox never recovered consciousness. She died in the landlord's arms.

It was at nine o'clock at night that the door of the off-licence of the Alexandra Park Tavern, High Road, Wood Green, swung open. A man walked in and asked Miss Cox for a brand of cigarettes she did not stock.

Miss Cox's friend, Alice Higgins, was sitting in the shadows. A few seconds later three men entered. One of them had a black silk handkerchief over the lower part of his face and his overcoat collar turned up.

This man pointed a revolver at Miss Cox.

The story of what happened then has been told to the landlord by Miss Higgins.

"The man said, 'I want the money. Put your hands up,' the landlord told a reporter. 'I should say so,' Miss Cox said. Then she picked up a bottle to defend herself.

"At close range the man, who suddenly saw Miss Higgins jump to her feet, fired a bullet at Miss Cox. Miss Higgins was able to give the police good descriptions of the men.

"Miss Cox's home was at Scarborough. She was not afraid of anything, even air raids."

DIVORCE AFTER 45 YEARS

Married forty-five years ago, Mr. Orton Watson, of Beaumont Road, Bradford, was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court because of desertion by his wife, Sarah Ann.

Mr. Watson's case was that his wife went to her two daughters in Australia in 1922, and had never returned.

NEGRIN NOT ASKED TO LEAVE

DENIAL THAT DR. NEGRIN, SPANISH PREMIER IN THE LATE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT, HAD BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE THIS COUNTRY, WAS MADE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS BY MR. BUTLER, FOREIGN UNDER-SECRETARY.

Mr. Butler said the Government had no intention of departing from the established practice in the general treatment of those who sought refuge here, and no steps had been taken to oblige Dr. Negrin to leave.

It was of course, understood that Dr. Negrin should continue to refrain from all political activities.

"Was Dr. Negrin approached by members of the Government with a view to inducing him to leave this country?" asked Mr. Shinwell.

Mr. Butler: "No. I do not think Mr. Shinwell has listened to the answer I gave."

When the Minister agreed there had been contact between the Government and Dr. Negrin, Mr. Dobbie gave notice to raise the matter again.

GAD, SIR . . .

One man in a pink coat made a stand for tradition.

Belvoir Hunt met at Colston Bassett. Belvoir (pronounced "Beaver") is one of the most famous packs in the counties.

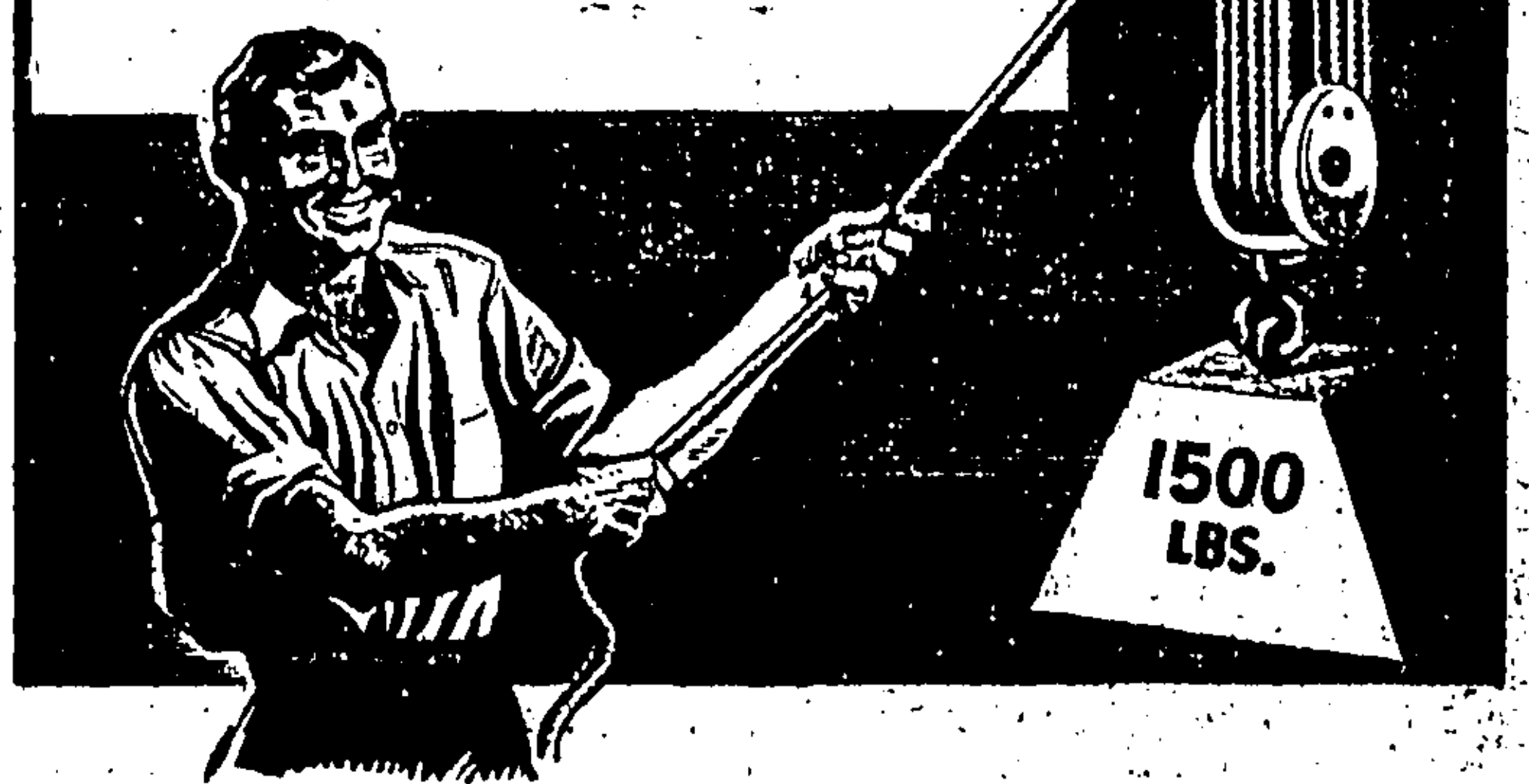
There were present the M.F.H., Lord Daresbury, and the two paid huntsmen, Lady Daresbury attended in a car. There were no mounted followers.

But the Belvoir met. Tradition was maintained.

FIVE BEHEADED IN BERLIN

Five traitors were beheaded in Berlin recently. They were all condemned for revealing secrets to foreign powers. — Associated Press.

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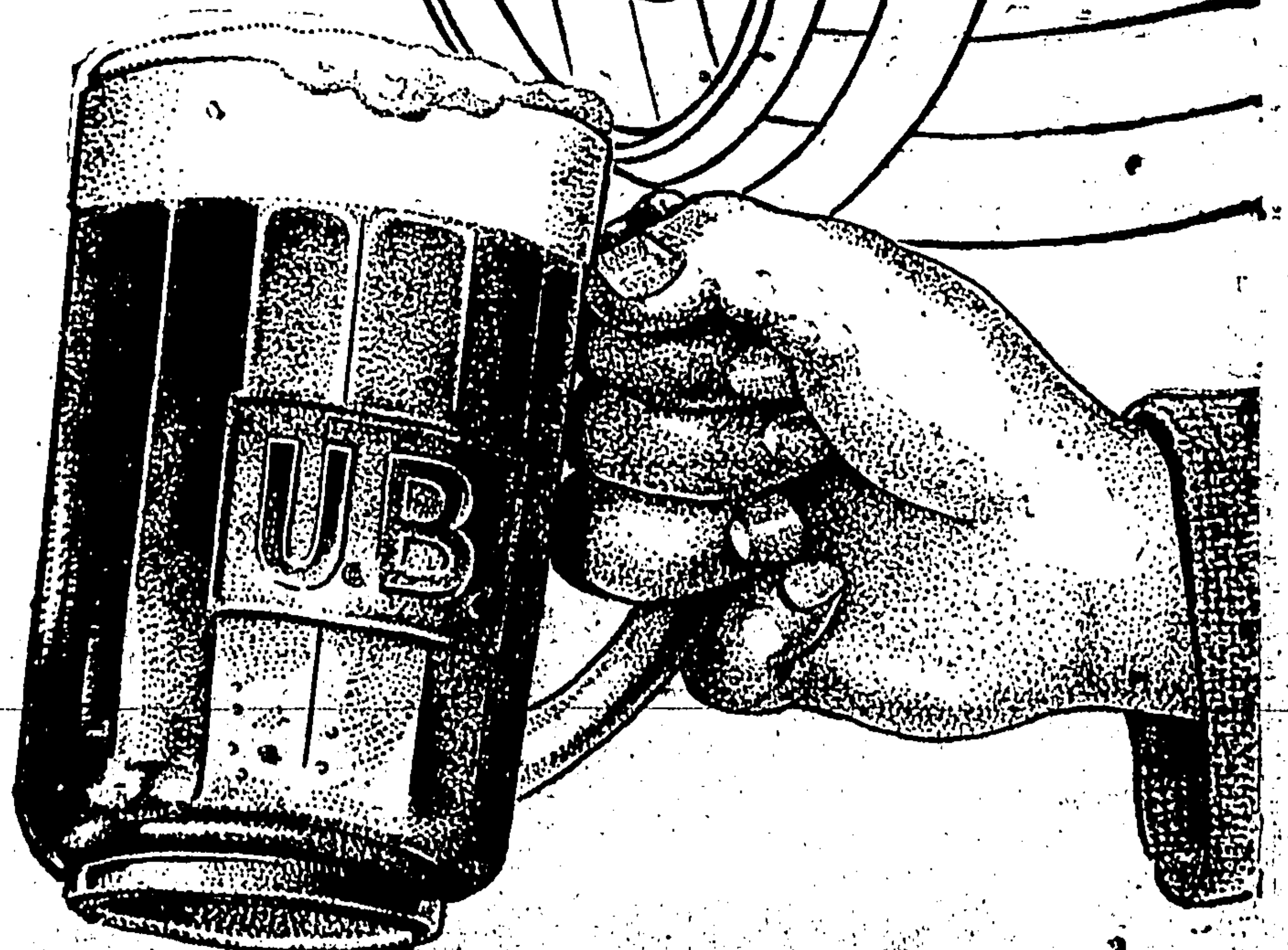
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BIDING HIS TIME

By The Four Aces

West gained a trick by refusing to overruff in to-day's hand:

East, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ 9 5 2
♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ J
♣ K J 10 8 3

♠ A 10
♥ 10 9 8
♦ A 7 6 5 4
♣ Q 7 4

♠ K J 8 7
♥ 4 3
♦ A K Q
♣ 9 5 2

♠ Q 6
♥ J 5 3
♦ K Q 10 9 3 2
♣ A 8

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♠	2♣	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Ace of spades and continued with the ten, East taking the spade King. East continued with the Jack of spades, and South cautiously discarded a heart instead of ruffing. West also discarded a heart, and East then laid down three top hearts.

On the third round of hearts, South played the nine of trumps, and West discarded a low club instead of overruffing. He knew it could cost him nothing to bide his time, and that it would probably gain him a trick. Regardless of which player had the Ace of clubs (and West could be pretty sure that South had it) the Queen of clubs had no trick-taking power and could be unguarded without risk. The effect of the trick, therefore, was to weaken South's trump holding while leaving West's trumps intact.

After winning the heart ruff, South led the deuce of trumps to "dummy's" Jack, and West played low in the hope that East had the singleton King or Queen. Dummy then cashed the club King and South regained the lead with the club Ace to lead the King of diamonds. West won with the diamond Ace and returned a trump, later winning another trump trick. Note, however, that West would have won only one trump trick if he had overruffed on the third round of hearts; for then his four remaining trumps could have been drawn by South's four honours.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 8 3
♥ A
♦ J 9 7 6 4
♣ 9 8 3

The bidding:

East	Schenker	Jacoby	Maier
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid three spades. This is not a sign-off or a show of weakness, but is a forward-looking bid which offers a choice of game contracts to a partner who has already shown a strong hand. You are not sure whether spades or no-trump offers the best play for game; hence you give your partner the choice.

Score 100% for three spades; 60% for the three no-trump; 40% for three clubs.

Question No. 626

To-day you are Merwin D. Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 5 3 2
♥ Q J 6 4
♦ 7
♣ K 6 5 3

The bidding:

Schenker	Maier	Jacoby	You
1♥	2♣	Dbl.	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



Clothes may not make the man but they certainly do a lot to back up what he's got.

GIRL STABBER MOON MANIAC?

A young man in black, wheeling a black bicycle and shuffling along as though in heavy boots, is believed to have been afflicted by "moon madness" when he stabbed two young girls under a full moon in the South Mead area of Bristol.

Police are searching the district, and fathers, brothers and sweethearts are escorting their women-folk in the black-out to guard them against further attacks.

The two girls who were stabbed are Olive Cumberpatch, twenty, of Tortworth Road, and Gwendoline Pinsent, sixteen, of Fonthill Road.

Curious Shuffle

Miss Pinsent, who works at a local laundry, said: "I noticed a short, stocky young man loitering in the road. He kept passing me, then dropping back."

"He had heavy boots on and walked with a curious shuffle. His cap was over his face."

"There was a big yellow and orange full moon coming up at the time so I could see him plainly, though I never got a glimpse of his face."

"Suddenly he put his bike against a tree and the next moment I felt a blow on my shoulder. I realised blood was pouring down by back and shouted for help."

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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ILLEGAL SNAPS: GAOLED

A man who is the son of a German doctor and is second in command of the local Home Guard was sent to prison for three months, fined £30, and ordered to pay £2 15s. costs by Arundel County Bench, on two charges of photographing British aircraft and one charge of photographing a radio station.

The man, William Treutler

Holmes, thirty-seven, at first pleaded not guilty, but later amended his plea to one of guilty.

Superintendent F. C. Peel said Holmes had been engaged at a naval air station, where he took the photographs.

Thomas Spencer, a fitter at the aerodrome, said he noticed Holmes with the bottom button of his coat fastened, while the two above it were open. He was standing against a wire fence and put his hand into his coat and bent over. On the other side of the fence was a British aircraft of new design. Other witnesses corroborated.

Harold Henry Sinclair, of Arundel, said Holmes was in his employ at an aerodrome. Witness was in command of the Home Guard in the borough, and Holmes was his deputy. Holmes used to lecture to the N.C.O.s on aircraft.

On Holmes's behalf it was stated that he took the photographs in question for the purpose of lectures.

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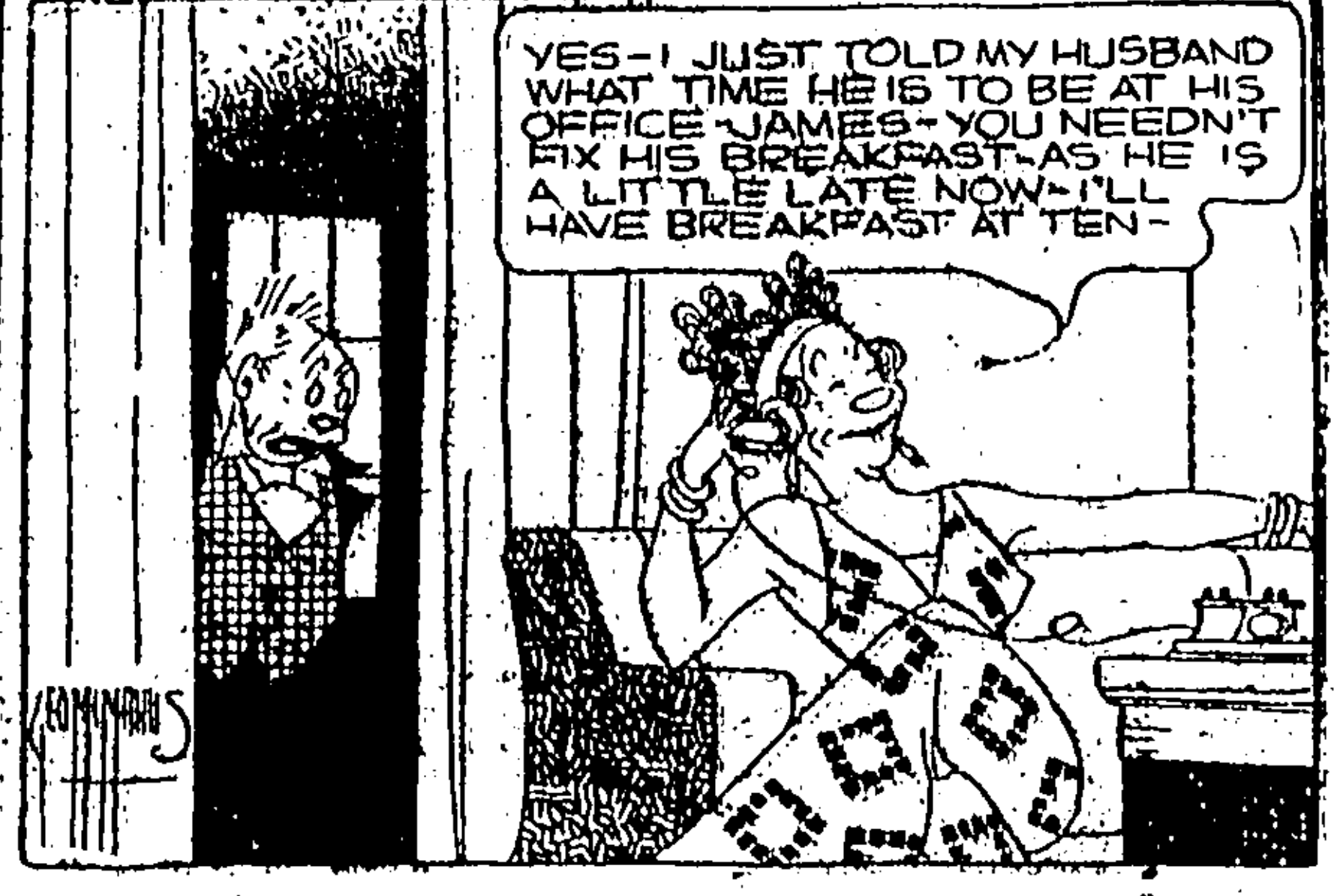
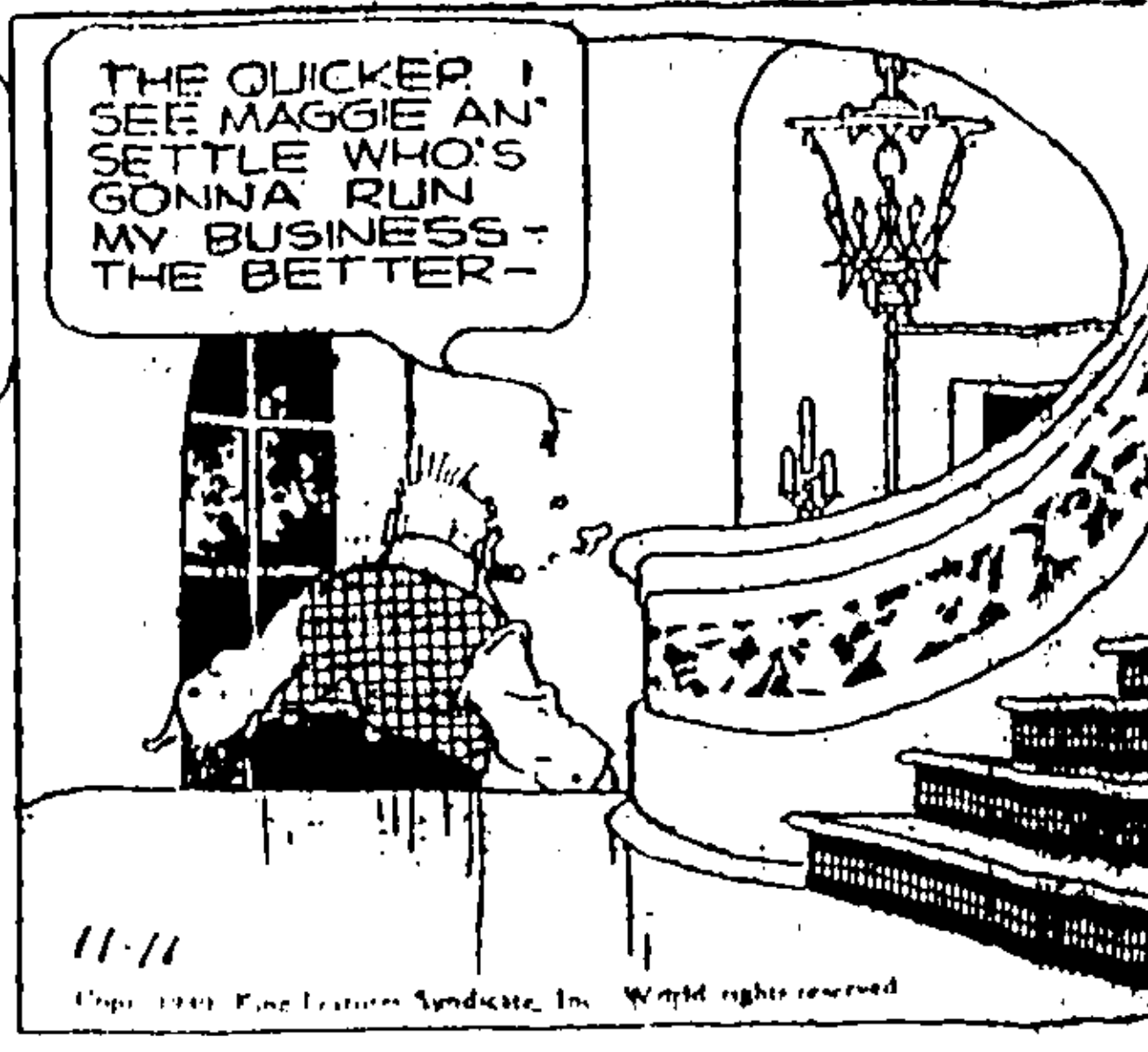
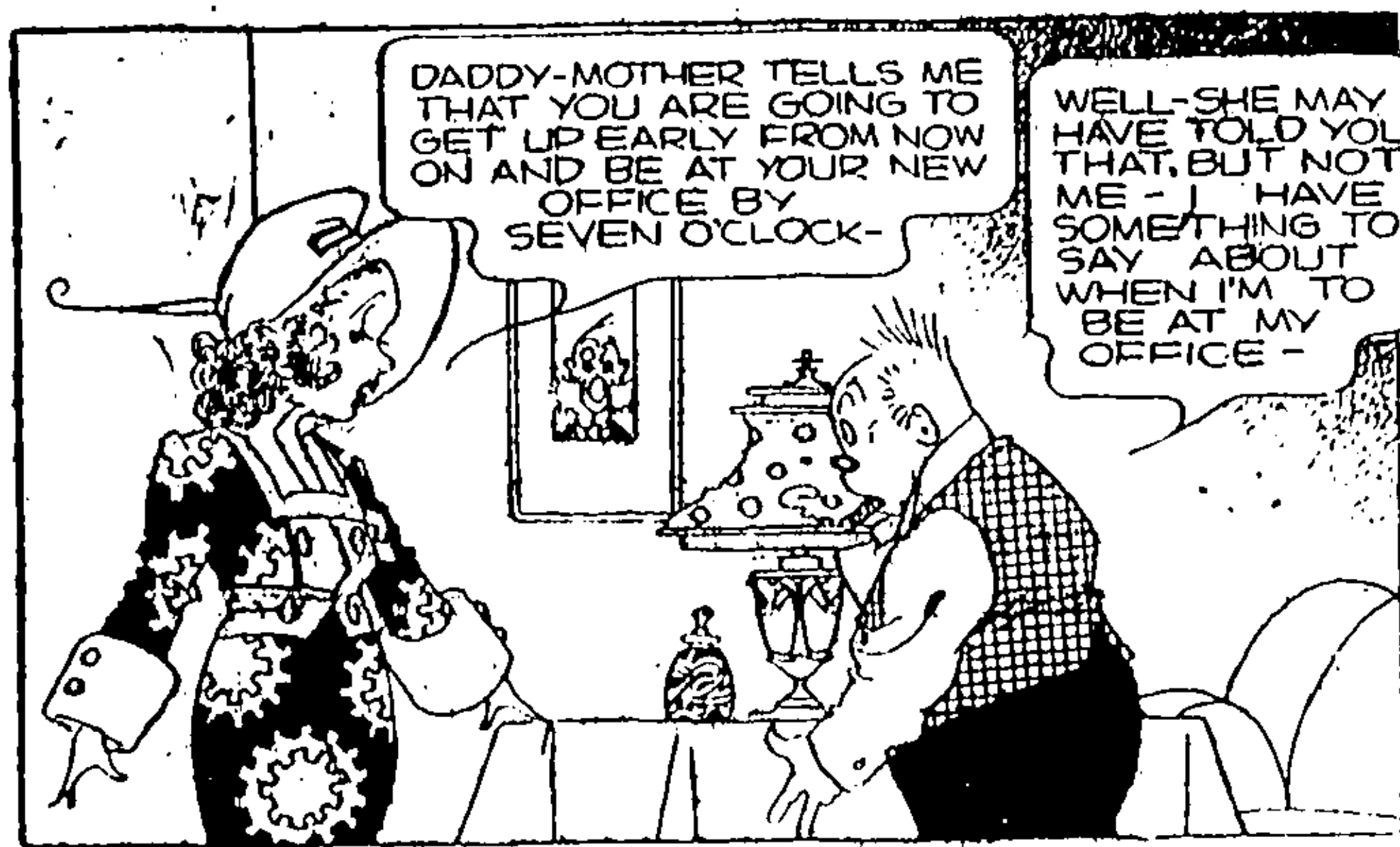
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Bringing Up Father



By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Scalp Treatment

The treatment of dandruff properly falls to the physician, but unfortunately little research has been done on dandruff by the medical profession. So naturally the so-called "scalp specialists" have been forced to offer corrective treatments to the best of their knowledge.

One theory advanced is that gentle handling of the hair is necessary when dandruff is present. To quote Henley on the subject, "Dandruff scales should be removed only when entirely detached from the scalp. These scales result from an irritation which is increased by forcible removal, and hence endeavours to clean the hair from them by combing or brushing it, in such a way as to scrape the scalp, are liable to be worse than useless."

Suggested Treatment

If ordinary tonics and weekly shampoos with tincture of green soap have not corrected a dandruff condition, more potent treatment is indicated.

Women who have dyed or tinted hair should strip the hair of all colour before beginning a dandruff treatment for the lotions used are quite likely to change the artificial colour to a startling hue!

Henley proceeds, in his article on dandruff, to suggest the use of a sulphur lotion made by placing a little sublimed sulphur in water, shaking well and then allowing to settle. The head is washed in the clear liquid every morning.

"Sulphur is said to be insoluble in water," he states, "yet a sulphur water made as above indicated has long been in use as a hair wash. A little glycerine improves the preparation, preventing the hair from becoming harsh by repeated washings."

Begin Treatment Immediately

If you are aware of a dandruff condition you should begin corrective treatment at once. Per-



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haps an able scalp specialist is in your city. If so your problem is simplified by putting your head in his hands if you can afford treatments. Otherwise you should intelligently care for your scalp at home.

Begin with having physical examination to make certain that no ailment is robbing your scalp of sufficient nourishment, and then check on the scalp aids you

have been using. Put them aside while you treat your scalp with the mentioned sulphur lotion and shampoo it with a Pine-Tar Shampoo which your druggist can mix for you.

Be sure that your combs and brushes are sterilised each day while you are treating your scalp. After washing them with soapy warm water, rinse them in a solution of clear water and a germicide. Dry thoroughly in the sun afterward. Also clean your hat bands with a cleansing fluid at least twice a week and do not try on hats in a shop during the treatment. Although it has never been isolated, some physicians believe that dandruff is caused by a parasite which can be passed from one to another.

(about forty-five minutes). Rub 6oz. suet into a mixture of 4oz. flour and 8oz. very fine oatmeal, add enough water to make a firm paste, salt to taste.

Shape small balls, turn them in flour and cook in the peas until done. Serve in deep plates.

(5) Polish Pottage. Five level tablespoons barley, 1½ pints water, a little fat, ½ pint of milk, one large or two small cooked beetroots, vinegar, sugar.

Bring barley, water and fat very slowly to the boil, add salt to taste. Cook for ten-fifteen minutes. Cover tightly with a lid and leave for at least one hour.

If necessary, cook once more until barley is done. (It takes less cooking time this way).

Add milk and the chopped cooked beetroot, taste for a little vinegar and sugar. Heat once more quickly, and serve at once in deep plates.

(6) Bean Pottage. Soak ½ pint of butterbeans in one quart of water overnight.

Next day, bring slowly to the boil with bacon rinds or odd bits of bacon, a few pieces of leeks and a chopped tomato.

When cooked add chopped parsley and serve at once in deep plates.

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Two pounds of potatoes, 1lb spinach, one meat extract cube, stale bread, fat.

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Wash the spinach and chop it. Add it to the potatoes and cook for another four minutes. Season with a little nutmeg, if you like it.

Fry or toast stale bread. Place the bread into deep plates and pour the hot potato-spinach mixture over it.

Serve at once to prevent the bread from getting too soaked.

(2) Pudding Pottage. Chop mixed vegetables (any kind). Just cover with water and start cooking, seasoned with salt and pepper.

Make a suet pastry, roll out into thick disc. Place a ball of sausage-meat in the centre, gather the pastry around it, close the

edges at the top.

Fold a clean cloth over it, tie the top ends together. Put this into the vegetables and cook until done.

Move the pudding once in a while to prevent burning.

Cook very gently. When done, remove the cloth, place the pudding in a tureen or deep dish, and pour the vegetables with their stock over it.

(3) Fish Pottage. Fish bones, carrots, leek, celery mixed herbs, suet pastry.

Cover the fish bones with water and start cooking.

Cut carrots lengthwise into halves or quarters, cut leek and celery into inch-long pieces and add to the fish stock.

Cook until vegetables are done, about fifteen-twenty minutes. Strain, keeping the stock.

Separate the vegetables from the fish bones and add the vegetables to the stock. Season with salt, pepper and add a little mixed herbs.

Make an ordinary suet pastry, shape small balls with it, turn in flour, and cook in the fish stock until done. Serve in deep plates.

(4) Guardian's Pottage. Split peas, carrots, parsnips, fine oatmeal, flour and suet.

Soak ½ pint of split peas in 1½ pints of water overnight.

Next day bring to the boil in the water in which they have soaked. Add sliced carrots and parsnips.

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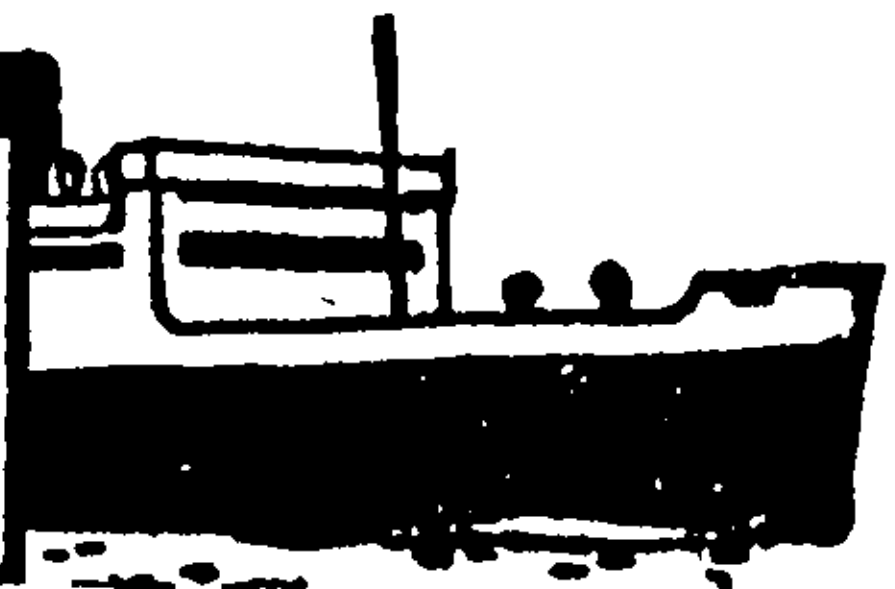
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VICAR HAD TEN LITTLE EVACUEES---

The seventy-year-old bachelor vicar of a Yorkshire village, who, as part of his war effort, willingly had ten evacuee children billeted on him, has written to the Minister of Health protesting that the local council has taken some of the children away from him.

Vicar of Laithkirk, near Barnard Castle, the Rev. J. W. Brent, had kept only a bedroom and study of his big old vicarage for his own use. The other six rooms and the fine garden had become a children's paradise.

All the youngsters, aged between five and seven, had the time of their lives. The vicar took them to the pictures, piled them in his car for country jaunts, and gave them the run of his garden.

But to look after all of them himself was obviously impossible, so he found two voluntary helpers who worked hard all day.

Taken Home

Imagine his astonishment at the action of the Startforth Rural District Council after he had tentatively asked whether the Government paid billeting allowances for these helpers.

In official language he learned that "the committee recommended that the children billeted on him should be removed to other billets."

There were by this time only five children. The parents of the other five appreciated all that the vicar had done, but they decided that they missed their children too much, and had taken them home.

"I have been vicar here for twenty-five years," Mr. Brent told a reporter.

"I am a bachelor, and do my own cooking. Some months ago I received a circular asking if I would be willing to take evacuee children. I replied that I would, and approached two voluntary helpers who were willing to come and do their best."

Shortly after the children arrived the vicar wrote to the District Council asking about the billeting allowances for his helpers.

Then he saw a report of the Council meeting in which it was stated that the committee recommended that the children be removed to other billets.

Boys in Tears

"There were three boys and two girls at the vicarage then," the vicar said. They were to have been removed but only three have gone.

"The other two, both boys, are still here, but their billeting allowances have been cancelled. Their mothers were present when the billeting officers came and refused to allow them to be re-billeted. The boys were in tears at the prospect."

"My helpers and I have done all we can to make the children happy," Mr. Brent added. "I have taken the children into the country in my car. On Saturdays I used to make two journeys to the picture theatre, and on wet mornings I have taken the children to school in the car."

TRAPPED—SAVED BY A DOG

The frantic barking of a dog beneath the wreckage saved the life of a man trapped under tons of debris in a bombed London basement.

It was not thought possible that there could be any more survivors and the rescue work had been given up for hours.

Then the rescue squad heard the dog. They dug down and tunnelled towards the sound.

At last they came upon the animal—Nina, a black retriever bitch—and behind her, pinned down by a heavy beam across his legs, was a man—Mr. Charles Paynter.

But the rescue problem was not yet solved.

Mina, injured and frightened, would not let the workers pass her to reach the man.

They could not drag her out, since her hindquarters were imprisoned. Eventually, a veterinary surgeon was called and gave her a morphia injection. With a motor-car jack the dog was released, and work was started to free Mr. Paynter, who was lying in bed unable to move.

Asked About The Dog

After his head and shoulders had been uncovered, he smiled, refused a cup of tea and cigarette, and asked if the dog was all right.

"I can stick it a bit longer," he said, "but that dog must be in a hell of a state."

A derrick of scaffold poles was erected to ease the man from his prison. As a doctor and A.R.P. men worked to free him from the beam which was cutting through his legs, he talked cheerfully.

"His pluck was beyond imagination," said one worker. "I've never known such a plucked 'un. He told me, 'I'm all right because I'm still in bed.' But that beam was cutting through his legs. The pain must have been terrible."

Paynter was released after seven hours.



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PIONEERS' WAY WITH DEBRIS

Skill in Salvage Work

(By A London Correspondent)

In a tour of certain bombed areas of South London I watched some of the 6,000 members of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps sent to London to help in clearance work.

They have systematised the job. First they get rid of the general debris, using the rubble to fill up the craters and basements and extricating bricks, timber and metals.

What is usable of this salvage is sorted out, the bricks, timber and metals being stacked in three heaps. These materials are afterwards taken away in lorries to Ministry of Supply dumps.

I visited a number of jobs and saw the work of the Pioneers in several stages. In the final stage, the completely cleared site, with all the salvaged materials removed, was ready, when the time comes, for rebuilding.

The men appeared to be in fine fettle. One of their officers told me that about 25 per cent. of them were either bricklayers or builders' labourers in civil life. The rest are mostly classified as Category B. The officer assured me that the open-air life and the physical work had done wonders for those of the latter class.

On one of the sites I found a clergyman's wife and her young daughters, Auriel and Marguerita, who wore tin hats. Twice a day they arrive with kettles, teapots, cups, saucers, sandwiches and biscuits, all carried in the girls' toy perambulators.

"I provide 100 or more cups of tea a day, as well as the food," the mother told me.

The Pioneers work an eight-hour day, six days a week. They are a cheerful lot of men, full of sympathy for the people who have lost belongings.

TOUGH GUY, 13, HERO OF RAID RESCUE

Dashing about shattered streets while bombs and shrapnel fell around him, a thirteen-year-old boy helped to save several lives in a wrecked house in Central London.

Bill Binggeli, son of a Swiss-born scrap metal merchant, was the hero of the district.

Neighbours called to congratulate him, and the firemen paid tribute to his coolness in face of great danger.

Wearing a Belgian soldier's helmet, a souvenir of the last war, Bill ran with messages and helped to pull debris away from those who had been trapped in the bombed house.

Often he was told to take shelter, but he refused.

His Reward

A neighbour who had seen his gallant work offered him half a crown to buy some sweets.

Bill shook his head. "I don't save lives for money," he said. "I only did what any bloke would do."

A.R.P. workers whom Bill helped in their duties asked him his name during a lull in the bombardment. "Never mind about my name," said Bill.

After he had helped to bring out a young married couple—the woman was unconscious—Bill was offered a cup of tea. "There are others that need it. Give it to them," said Bill.

Always A Plucky Kid

"He always has been a plucky kid," said Bill's mother. "He's a tough guy."

"He loves weight lifting and swimming."

"He refuses to go under shelter when the sirens go. He just dashes round to the voluntary fire station we've formed here. He's their mascot."

"One night he helped to marshal people from a bombed building into the public shelters. He's a little chap and looked funny shepherding the grown-ups, but he did the job."

"He came in this morning with a face black as the ace of spades, but wouldn't talk much about his deeds."

HIS HOME FIRED, PUT DUTY FIRST

From a village in the Midlands comes this story of an A.F.S. volunteer who put his duty before the safety of his wife and family struggling in their thatched cottage set ablaze by an incendiary bomb.

At the time he was tackling bombs at a fair some distance away.

With an Englishman's characteristic spirit and undaunted courage, he completed the job in hand before returning to his own homestead.

His wife had just begun to dress her little child when an incendiary fell through the roof of the bedroom on to the floor only a couple of yards away.

Children Unhurt

While the hero of the drama worked on at his job, colleagues, stirred by his devotion to duty attacked the fire with such vim that less than half the roof was destroyed, and the thatched cottages on either side were undamaged.

There were three children in the house, including an evacuee, but no one was hurt. Next day their spirits were as high as the Union Jack which the A.F.S. had set fluttering over the roof.

TIPPED PEER TEN BOB

Lord Langford, pressed into service as a witness for a wedding at Caxton Hall Register Office, was given 10s. as a tip by the grateful bridegroom, a soldier.

Lord Langford happened to be in the office in connection with another matter when the soldier and his bride arrived.

They had only one witness with them, and, as a second had to be found in a hurry the registrar asked Lord Langford—not knowing who he was—to oblige.

Once A Labourer

When Lord Langford signed his name, the registrar realised his identity, but the soldier did not, and pressed a 10s. note into his hand.

Before Lord Langford succeeded to his title in 1931, there were times when he would have been glad of an unexpected 10s.

He was working as a labourer in Australia, and his wife was a London waitress when the death of his uncle made him a peer.

He had to work his passage home.

MET OVER BLACK-OUT

Police-Constable John Charles Vaughan went to a London hostel to complain about its black-out.

He met a baronet's daughter. They fell in love.

Now Police-Constable Vaughan of the Metropolitan Police, is engaged to Miss Jean Orr-Ewing, only daughter of Brigadier-General Sir Norman Orr-Ewing, Bart., D.S.O., and Lady Orr-Ewing, of Cardross, Port of Mentieth, Stirlingshire. He is twenty-three. She is twenty-two. They met in February.

Miss Orr-Ewing is staying with her fiancé's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Vaughan, at their home in Shirley Road, Roath Park, Cardiff.

She told a reporter:—"My romance started in a rather prosaic way. I met Jack when I was at a hostel in London."

"He came there in connection with the black-out."

"We got talking and saw each other frequently afterwards. Soon we fell in love."

At Y.M.C.A. Canteen

Asked if her parents approved of the engagement, she said "They have asked me to wait a bit, but I expect to be married next year."

Miss Orr-Ewing, who is interested in social work, was working at a Y.M.C.A. canteen at Charing Cross until recently.

Police-Constable Vaughan said: "We fell in love at once, and for eight months we met every day."

"I was a bit worried about meeting Sir Norman, but we got on quite well together. I found him charming."

"When we marry next year I hope to be able to bring my bride back to London to live with me."

Police-Constable Vaughan went to an elementary school in Cardiff, and won a scholarship to the local high school. His father, now retired, was a railway traffic inspector.

Brigadier-General Sir Norman Orr-Ewing commanded the 45th Infantry Brigade in France in the last war.

70-YEAR-OLD BAND PACKS UP

The famous village brass band of Bulkington, Warwickshire, founded nearly seventy years ago, has had to "Pack-up" until the end of the war because most of its members have either joined the Forces or are engaged on munitions.

Eleven members of the same family played in the band, of which Mr. John Bicknell is now the father. His grandfather originally started the band.

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By "Adrem"

A GOOD DEAL has already been said and written about the Senior League cricket match on Saturday between University and Kowloon Cricket Club, in which the senior champions were held to a draw, and I see no point in pursuing a subject which I feel sure must be becoming tiresome to cricketers not directly concerned with the match.



HIGH SCORES IN FRIENDLY ENCOUNTERS

By "Adrem"

Three friendly cricket matches were played on Saturday and although scoring in some cases was high, there was little interest owing to the fact that such batsmen who did come off, were not up against very much in the way of bowling.

H.K.C.C. "A", opposed by only seven Police men, did virtually as they liked with the bat. Both Poole and Lewis, the only real bowlers in the Police team, were away and it was left to Carey to bear the brunt of the attack. He did his best and took 3 for 66 in 14 overs but Parsons, Booker, Bishop and Owen Hughes all ran up big scores and Club declared at 193 for 3.

Carey was again in the picture when Police batted and if it had not been for his gallant innings of 41 scored out of the 77, which the seven players managed to aggregate, it is possible that Police would not have scored 30.

At Central British School the cricket was never very clever, Pay Corps being skittled out for 45—Gillespie 4 for 17—and R.A.F. scoring 114 for 7 to win by eight wickets. Smart bowled successfully for the Pay Blokes to take 3 for 19.

A strong Army second eleven had an afternoon out against Craigenower, who were sadly depleted owing to the calls of the first team. Ratcliffe, who is an excellent Second Division batsman, hit breezily for 88, Webb and Logan, the Senior players, had some practice, and Alsey of the Royals also helped himself to a few. Result was a declaration at 182 with only three wickets down.

For Craigenower Esmail and Stanley Leonard made a few but for the most part the innings was just a procession, Army winning comfortably by 70 runs.

C.C.C. JUNIOR ELEVEN

The following have been selected to represent Craigenower Cricket Club in a Second Division League cricket match on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m., on the home ground:—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. H. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, R. A. Lee, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

SENIOR MATCH POSTPONED

The First Division League match against the University on Saturday has been postponed.

In the other Senior game, Craigenower did a good job of work when they beat their neighbours Civil Service Cricket Club.

There is little doubt that it was Craigenower's bowlers who carried them through, although it is equally certain that these bowlers would not have met with so much success if it had not been for the splendid support given them by their field.

I am told that every chance put up was accepted and some of the catches taken were exceptionally brilliant.

It is noteworthy that two members of the C.C.C. junior side, which is considered to have a good chance of winning the junior title, did not do at all badly. In senior company E. A. Lee made the second highest score of the match, while A. M. Omar, the junior captain, not only made a very useful 11 but opened the bowling and was the steadiest trundler on display, taking 2 for 20 in 10 overs.

George Souza returned to form at long last and made 36 of the Craigenower's total of 119, but the finest C.C.C. performance was left-handed. Ismail's 5 for 16, which put paid to any chances Civil Service might have had of winning after Richardson had been run out.

For Civil Service Baker again demonstrated his claims to being the best stock bowler in the Colony and was in brilliant form. He was well-nigh unplayable throughout and finished with 6 for 28, the finest performance of the match.

ARMY RUGBY

COMBINED SMALL UNITS VX DEFEATED BY THE R.A.

PLAYING AGAINST the Royal Artillery, in the Army Large Units Rugby League, at Sookunpoo yesterday, Combined Small Units took a considerable time to settle down to the game, with the result that they were six points (two tries) in arrears when the half-time whistle went, and lost 5-9.

Lack of understanding, and absence of team work, was largely responsible for their losing the game.

The second half was more exciting. Neither side was able to score until about 10 minutes before the end when the R.A. increased their lead by another try.

Within three minutes of the end, Small Units reduced the deficit by a goal. The score, when the final whistle went, was 9 points (3 tries) to 5 (one goal) in favour of the Royal Artillery.

The teams were: ROYAL ARTILLERY: Fairclough, Marsh, Skipworth, Keeble, Richards, Dawson, Hook, Dump-

YESTERDAY'S YACHTING

The sweepstake race sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club over 5.15 miles yesterday resulted: La Linda 16.54.16 L. P. Ralph True Blue 16.57.49 Miss Wilson Gull 17.00.11 A. O. G. Mills Jones 17.02.04 G. E. Neve Joan 17.02.32 M. B. Banner Afiki 17.04.45 H. W. Browne.

FANLING GOLF OVER HOLIDAYS

The following were the results in the first and second rounds in the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Captain's Cup Competition (1940):

First Round:—S. L. Lloyd (10) beat A. J. Dennis (10) five and four; K. S. Robertson (6) beat G. Thomerson (20) three and two; A. B. Purves (10) beat H. A. Mills (17) three and two.

Second Round:—T. Megarry received a walk-over from M. L. Reidy, who scratched; W. S. Hillier (10) beat A. W. Brown (9) two and one; T. Low (12) beat W. W. C. Shewan (8) six and four; J. Linaker (15) beat S. L. Lloyd four and two; A. B. Purves beat K. S. Robertson three and two; F. A. Howard (17) beat J. W. Clague (16) four and three; H. Overy (18) beat A. H. McBride (12) four and three; G. M. Park (7) beat F. C. Young (14) seven and six.

Stubbs Shield

The following were the results in the second and third rounds of the Stubbs Shield Competition:

Second Round: H.K.S.R.A. beat Gilman and Co., on a walk-over; Army Audit Staff beat 12th Heavy Regt. R.A.; Public Works Dept. beat Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank four and three; Education Dept. beat R.A.O.C. on a walk-over; 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. beat Dairy Farm Co., four and two; A.R.P. Wardens beat John D. Hutchison and Co., six and four; Butterfield and Swires beat Post Office Dept., five and four; Dodwell and Co. beat Government Medical Dept. three and two.

Third Round:—H.K.S.R.A. beat Army Audit Staff; Public Works Dept. beat Education Dept. six and four; 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. beat A.R.P. Wardens five and three; Butterfield and Swires beat Dodwell and Co., three and two.

New Year Meeting

The Bogey Par Pool over the New Course, Fanling, during the

KOWLOON'S TITLE PROSPECTS IMPROVE

By "Adrem"

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB improved their Junior Championship prospects on Saturday when they beat the hitherto unbeaten Recreo team by six wickets.

Recreo's earlier batsmen found little difficulty in scoring runs against Kowloon's opening attack and over 70 runs were on the board with only four wickets down—a nice beginning having regard to the difficulty of scoring boundaries on the King's Park ground.

When Kowloon's spin bowler were put on, however, a remarkable collapse ensued and the remaining six wickets could only muster a further seven runs, the innings closing for 80.

Cause of the damage were Taylor and Baldwin, who, between them took six wickets for nineteen runs.

I have consistently maintained that Baldwin should be tried out for the first team and I still contend that he is better than Junior Division standard.

The K.C.C. senior team have only four bowlers and if they are collared there is little more to be

Chinese New Year meeting attracted 30 entries and was won by D. S. Edward (5) who was three up. The Bogey Par Pool over the Old Course attracted 22 entries and was won by D. S. Robb (7) who was two down. The Medal round over the Old Course was won by S. L. Lloyd with a card of 80-9-71. There were 23 entries.

The Mixed Competition at Fanling and the Happy Valley (Bogey Par) were cancelled.

done. In addition to being a good spin bowler, Baldwin is an excellent field, being a remarkably safe catch while, although his batting is unlikely to be needed, he can hit very hard on occasion and is just the type of man to hit a good bowler off his length.

M. A. Remedios and F. J. Remedios were the only Recreo batsmen to meet with any success, both being in the twenties, and the next highest score was Silva's nine.

Silva, who has been the most successful junior cricketer of the season, had a very lean match as he only took one wicket, and that at a cost of 23 runs.

Set with only 81 to get to win—not altogether a simple problem on the Recreo ground, Kowloon's batsmen rose to the occasion in grand style. Baxter and Rapley put on 42 for the first wicket and succeeding batsmen all got a few, the runs being knocked off with something to spare.

Batsmen's Match

Bowlers had a sorry time of it at Pokfulam, where Civil Service drew with University. Only eight wickets fell in the course of the afternoon, one being the result of a run out.

Feature of the match was a fine partnership between the veteran John Barrow and young Stone, which realised 117 runs in 70 minutes. Whereas Barrow was rather restrained, Stone hit with the vigour of youth and scored his runs at well over a run a minute. His best scoring shots were 15 boundaries.

Set to score 150 to win, University were never in any difficulty thanks to the fine form of Kenneth Lo, although it must also be said that they never looked like forcing a win. Lo batted right through the innings for 53 and, although none of the other batsmen reached double-figures, they all stayed for a bit.

A.R.P. SPORTS MEETING

The Upper Levels Division, District "A" Wardens' Society will hold their first annual athletic sports on the South China A.A. ground at Caroline Hill on Sunday, starting at 9 a.m.

Following is the programme: 100 metres, Senior, championship (men); Long Jump, Junior, championship (men); 100 metres, Senior, championship (ladies); 100 metres, Junior, championship (ladies); 100 metres, Junior, championship (men); Long Jump, Senior, championship (men); 50 metres, Senior, championship (ladies); 50 metres, Junior, championship (ladies); 400 metres, Senior, championship (men); 400 metres, Junior, championship (men); Long Jump, Senior, championship (ladies); 400 metres, Junior, championship (ladies); Long Jump, Junior, championship (ladies); 200 metres, Senior, championship (men); 200 metres, Junior, championship (ladies); 200 metres, Junior, championship (men); 800 metres, Junior, championship (men); 400 metres, Senior, championship (ladies); High Jump, Junior, championship (ladies); 600 metres, Senior, championship (men); High Jump, Junior, championship (men); 400 metres Inter-Districts Relay Race (men); 400 metres Inter-Districts Relay Race (ladies); 1,500 metres, Open to all Men Wardens of U.L. "A"; High Jump, Senior, championship (ladies); 100 metres, Respiration Race, Open to Men Wardens; 100 metres, Respiration Race, Open to Lady Wardens; 50 metres, Officers' Race, Handicap, Post Entries, (Handicap: 1/2 metre for each year).

Presentation of Prizes will be made by The Director of Air Raid Precautions Wing Comdr. A. H. S. Steele-Parkins, G.B.E.

Capt. Duke (Royal Scots) and Sgt. Gillam (Middlesex).

Reserves:—L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.), Pte. Berry (Middlesex), 2/Lieut. Eddison (R.A.), Capt. Barclay (R.A.M.C.) and L/Sgt. Marsh (R.A.).

ST. PATRICK'S FAREWELLS

A most pleasant evening was spent last night at St. Patrick's Club when friends gathered to give an impromptu farewell to G. Warburton and H. H. Buck, who are leaving the Colony shortly.

Messrs. Warburton and Buck have been very keen members of the Club during their stay in Hong Kong and are very popular with their colleagues.

R.A.M.C. BEAT SAPPERS

In a Third Division soccer match at the Valley yesterday Royal Army Medical Corps defeated Royal Engineers 3-1 after holding a goal lead at the interval. Pym (2) and Webb scored for Medicals and F. Jones for the Sappers.

ers, Eddison, Hicks, Page, Heath, Turner, McDermitt and Cooke. SMALL UNITS:—Hamlin, Allen, Pollock, Lithauer, McDonald, Coombes, Scriven, Mohan, Gash, Manfield, Crew Stockham, Beeton-Stedman, Chandler, and McPherson.

Royal Scots Win

In another match, in the same League and played at Sookunpoo, Royal Scots beat Middlesex by 31-3 in a very one-sided game.

The Middlesex were outplayed in every department of the game.

Army Quadrangular XV

The following will represent Army against Police in the last Quadrangular Rugby Tournament fixture of the season, on the Police ground on Saturday at 4.15 p.m.: L/Cpl. Picton (R.E.); Bdr. Richards (R.A.), Capt. Hook (R.A.), Capt. Douglass (Royal Scots) and Pte. Macdonald (R.A.M.C.); Lieut. Coombes (R.A.M.C.) and 2/Lieut. Wedderburn (R.A.C.); Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots), 2/Lieut. Bompas (R.A.); 2/Lieut. Heath (R.A.), 2/Lieut. Milner (Royal Scots); 2/Lieut. Pinkerton (Royal Scots).

V.R.C. Beat Chung Hwa In Needle Junior Match

Now At Head Of The Table

Maxwell's Fine Fielding

By "Grandstand"

CHUNG HWA SUFFERED their first League Softball defeat of the season on Sunday when they were downed by the V.R.C. 6-3 in a close game, featured by sparkling fielding on both sides.

By virtue of their win, the Victorians are now on an equal footing with the League-leading Chung Hwas, and it appears to this corner that a play-off for the Limjap trophy is indicated in the near future.

Sonny "Jock" Brown, hurled a steady game for the victors, and only walked one, whilst Jay Lau for the losers, started off by fanning three Vics in the first two frames. He soon weakened, however, and allowed five blows, four of which were bunched up in the fifth to count for as many runs.

After waiting out a three-and-two count, V.R.C. lead-off man Bimby Ablong stood still on a groover for the first easurt whilst Ernie Ribeiro went the same way by taking three healthy cuts at the atmosphere. Roy Maxwell grounded out to grace the scoreboard with a "duck." Taking advantage of a pass and three bobbles, Chung Hwas denied the counting station for the first run of the frames.

In the next two frames, both sides were blanked, but the Victorians produced the tying run in the fourth, when Roy Maxwell worked hurler Lau for a pass, and scampered home on left-gardener Richard Chung's wild heave to catcher Fung.

V.R.C. Take Lead

In the fifth Lionel Roza-Pereira and Manuel Roza both singled, but the latter was forced out by Bimby Ablong's weak grounder, although both Roza-Pereira and Ablong scored on Ernie Ribeiro's base-clearing triple to give V.R.C. the lead.

Roy Maxwell's dump, which had twirler Lau handcuffed, put two on the bases, Alec Azedo's timely single driving in both tallies.

Helped by two V.R.C. miscues, Bill Chang and Richard Chung both got on base, both scoring on a single and a sacrifice, to slim the lead to 5-3.

One more marker in the last stanza clinched the game for the Victorians, as the Choymen were shutout in the last two sessions.

Alec Azedo was the big gun of the day, connecting safely twice in three times to the plate, whilst Ernie Ribeiro poled out the longest hit of the tilt with a two-run triple.

Roy Maxwell, V.R.C. guardian of the windy alley, gave the most sparkling fielding display, snaring several line-drives, each one of them a fielding gem whilst Chung Hwa elabster Jay Lau brilliantly shoe-stringed five infield pops.

Second Win

Playing inspired ball, V.R.C. garnered their second victory of the day when they calcmimed the Liga Portuguesa 8-0.

"Jock" Brown starting for the winners, fanned one and walked two, while relief hurler "Pitsy" Barradas fanned none and passed none. Both hurlers allowed three safeties. Fork-handed chucker Cesar Coelho for the losers went the route, and passed three.

Batting honours were taken by Jock Brown, for his two-in-three hitting, while Maxwell, Ablong and "Bubbles" Remedios completed the only twin-killing of the day, by retiring Botelho and Coelho in the seventh.

Two Walk-Over

The Central Britishers gave a walkover to the Cosmopolitans, whilst the Royal Scots also forfeited their points to Chung Hwa. The South China-Royal Engineers tilt has been postponed.

Review of other softball games has been held over until to-morrow.

JOCKEY'S RODEO ACT

A very promising young Newmarket apprentice, Harold Knight, son of "Smiler" Knight, was an unwilling performer in a rodeo act before and during the race for the Ashby Plate recently.

As the horses were lining up for the start Knight's mount, Joyous Star, bolted. She careered

round the course, a mile and three-quarters, and on again reaching the starting-gate threw her rider. He remounted and the horses were started.

By this time, Joyous Star's enthusiasm had waned. She ran last for the whole of the way and finished 400 yards behind the winner, Cholo.

When the race was over, Joyous

HOCKEY UMPIRES' MEETING

A Hockey Umpires' Association meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow. All interested are invited to attend.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament matches to be played on Sunday:—

AT 10.30 A.M.

A. N. Other XI	v	Signals
Police "A"	v	Khalas
2/M.T.B.	v	Recrelo
Gunboats	v	University

AT 4 P.M.

C.B.A.	v	5th A.A. "A"
Nomads	v	Police "B"
Engineers	v	Destroyer

Star came to life again. She began to run the reverse way of the course and nearly flung her rider over the rails. Eventually the boy brought her to a standstill.

While young Knight was being taken for an unwilling ride, another boy, David V. Dick, was seeing out a tiring finish on Cholo. Dick is riding well this season.

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QUESTIONS ON FAR EAST

Tientsin And Shipping Facilities Raised

"BEVIN BOYS" TO TRAIN IN ENGLAND

The first batch of "Bevin boys," selected from artisans employed in Indian factories for training in the United Kingdom under the Bevin scheme, was announced in New Delhi yesterday.

Aged 18 to 35 they include electricians, fitters and blacksmiths from all classes all over India and are described as the advanced guard of India's industrial army. —Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETNESS

The London Stock Exchange generally was quiet and irregular yesterday. Gilt edged drifted down slightly after early firmness but closed steady. Industrials encountered some provincial selling and home rails tended to be easier but oils were firm and there was further speculative enquiry in European bonds, notably Belgian 4 per cent. Wall Street was irregular. —Reuter.

Mr. Butler's Laconic Replies

A LACONIC "YES" was the answer of the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, to a question in the Commons yesterday whether the situation in the British Concession at Tientsin was now satisfactory and whether Britons were able to pass unhindered between the Concession and adjacent occupied territory.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons.) asked whether British shipping was now allowed access on the Pearl River to Canton.

Mr. Butler said there was a weekly British service. Difficulties had arisen in connection with quarantine regulations and pilotage fees but they were under negotiation.

Capt. Alan Graham (Cons.) asked what Japanese restrictions were placed on exports and imports in occupied parts of China, and to what extent such restrictions affect British trade.

Merchants Affected

Mr. Butler outlined restrictions in North, Central and South China and added that British and other foreign merchants were being severely affected by all these measures.

Mr. Robert Morgan (Cons.) asked whether there were any improvements to report in facilities

allowed British shipping at coastal ports and especially at Tsingtao and Chefoo.

Mr. Butler said the Foreign Secretary was calling for a report on the latest situation as it affects British shipping facilities in North China.

A report had also been called for on the subject of British shipping in inland waterways other than the Yangtze. —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

IAN HAY RESIGNS FROM W.O.

THE WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT MAJOR-GENERAL BEITH (IAN HAY, THE WELL-KNOWN NOVELIST) HAS RESIGNED HIS APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS IN THE WAR OFFICE.

The resignation was accepted by Mr. Eden with great regret, and appreciation was expressed of Major-General Beith's great services to the Army.

Colonel Walter Elliott has been appointed to succeed him. —Reuter.

HERTZOG TO BE PENSIONED

THE EX-PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA, GENERAL HERTZOG, WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED FROM PARLIAMENT, WILL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL PENSION OF £2,000 UNDER A SPECIAL BILL INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY AMID CHEERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE HOUSE.

General Hertzog, who is the first Union Premier to receive a pension, had an unbroken spell of over 30 years of parliamentary life beginning with the Union. —Reuter.

TALKS ON LEASED AIR BASES

THE GOVERNOR OF TRINIDAD, SIR HUBERT YOUNG, AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE LEEWARD ISLANDS, SIR GORDON LETHBRIDGE, ACCOMPANIED BY SIR LENNOX O'REILLY, OF TRINIDAD, TOOK OFF FROM NEW YORK FOR LISBON YESTERDAY IN THE CLIPPER.

They are en route to London to participate in talks connected with the leasing of air and naval bases in the British West Indies to the United States.

Talking to journalists all three emphasised the importance of "hemisphere defence" for the security of the nations of the Americas. —Reuter.

DEATH

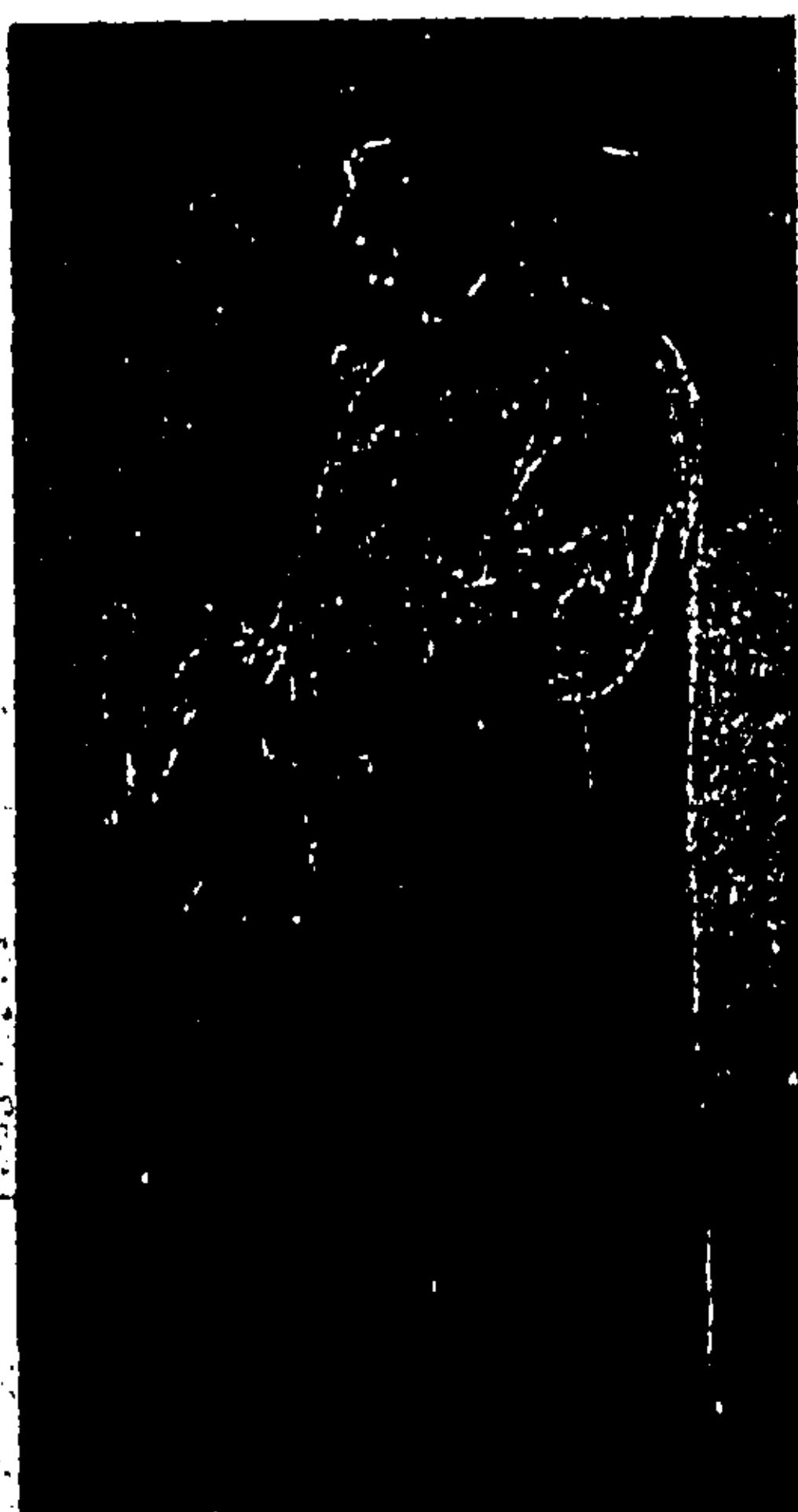
BRANKSTON — At Queen Mary Hospital, A. D. Brankston (Archie), son of Mr. A. B. Brankston and the late Mrs. Brankston of Shanghai, at the age of 31. Funeral passing monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

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German Threat In Holland

A threat of a forced loan to meet the cost of the German army of occupation in the Netherlands is made in the prospectus of a 500,000,000 guilder 4 per cent. 10-year loan to which the Dutch are being asked to subscribe.

The loan is to finance increased State expenditure due to the fact that the army of occupation costs the Dutch people millions of guilders a week.

According to news received in Dutch circles in London yesterday the prospectus threatens that in the case of non-subscription a compulsory 40-year annuity-levy at 2½ per cent will be enforced. — Reuter.

BRITISH HOLDINGS IN U.S.

The forthcoming visit of Sir Edward Peacock to America to examine the possibilities of investments such as businesses in the United States, was announced in a Treasury statement issued in London yesterday.

The statement says: "In the light of material already shipped and contemplated by the United States it may now be freely published that His Majesty's Government have realised and disposed of a very great proportion of their gold holdings and are steadily selling American securities owned by their nationals at every opportunity.

"A more difficult problem is presented by investments such as businesses in the United States and United States companies controlled by companies in this country whose shares are not quoted on the Stock Exchange.

"His Majesty's Government are resolved to make the best possible use of these investments and they have decided to ask Sir Edward Peacock, who has great experience in such matters, to go to the United States and examine the possibilities on the spot. He will reach America very shortly." — Reuter.

PETAIN TO MEET HITLER SHORTLY

Hitler and Marshal Petain may meet again shortly, according to Ankara radio, which declared last night that there were "certain persistent reports" suggesting such a move.

Vichy's representative in Paris, the Count de Brinon, has just returned with Hitler's reply to Marshal Petain's recent Note. — Reuter.

FRENCH RAID INTO LIBYA

The recent raid into Italian Libya by Free French Forces is the subject of a communique issued by General de Gaulle's Headquarters in London yesterday.

The communique states: "In the course of January, elements of our troops in Chad, acting under the command of General de Larminat, carried out a deep raid into Italian Libya in the region of Fezzan.

"Our troops reached and destroyed the base at Muzak and carried the post at Gatrui, inflicting on the enemy serious losses in men and material.

"Several Italian planes were destroyed on the ground."

The communique adds that General de Gaulle has conferred the Cross de l'Ordre de la Libération posthumously upon Lieutenant Dornano, Commander of the detachment, who was killed at Muzak. — Reuter.

NAVAL BUILDING BILL PASSED

The Bill authorising the allocation of \$909,000,000 for expanding naval construction facilities and building 400 small Navy craft, was passed by the U.S. Senate yesterday and sent to the White House for signature. Mineweepers and submarine chasers are included among craft to be built. — Reuter.

Italians Cut Off In Rail Junction

WITH THE AIR RESOUNDING TO THE THUNDER OF ARTILLERY THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL TROOPS DRAWN UP ROUND DERNNA ARE SENDING OUT EXTENSIVE PATROLS TO PROBE THE POSITION OF THE ITALIANS DEFENDING THIS SMALL LIBYAN SEAPORT, CABLES REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OUTSIDE DERNNA.

Meanwhile it is leared in authoritative quarters in London that the Army of the Nile has now surrounded the important road junction of Mekelle, south of Derna.

There is reason to believe that the Italian troops cut off here comprise the remnants of two divisions which retired from Sidi Barrani, as well as a certain number of tanks and armoured vehicles.

The British advance is being facilitated by our possession of Tobruk as an advance base. There is a good water supply at Tobruk and large quantities of petrol that the Italians had not time to destroy.

It is now revealed that the Indian division which is doing so well in Eritrea was sent to the Sudan after taking part in the capture of Sidi Barrani.

Fate Of Italian Settlers

Owing to the unavoidable movement of these troops the Italian forces at Kassala had time to execute a strategic withdrawal and escape the pincer movement that closed behind them.

British authoritative quarters are concerned with the fate of 200,000 Italian settlers in Abyssinia who are menaced by the growing tide of the patriot movement.

It is gathered that many are being concentrated at places like the capital, Addis Ababa, where there would be safety in numbers.

The problem of food supply is sure to arise sooner or later, even if any number enter Djibouti. — Reuter.

LONDON GETS A NIGHT ALERT

The ten-day lull in the night air war over London was broken by an early alert last night, shortly after which heavy gunfire was heard in the central districts. — Reuter.

EASTERN SUPPLY COUNCIL

Mr. Hydari, secretary of the Labour Department, has been appointed Government of India representative at the Eastern Group Supply Council, it was announced in New Delhi yesterday. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT POWERS LIMITED

Three important amendments limiting President Roosevelt's powers under the Lease and Lend Bill were voted by the House Foreign Affairs Committee sitting behind closed doors yesterday.

The amendments were as follows:

Firstly, to fix the expiration date as June 30, 1943;

Secondly, requiring President Roosevelt to consult army and navy chiefs before transferring military equipment, and

Thirdly, requiring periodic reports to Congress on the Lease and Lend operations. — Reuter.

An amendment was approved specifically forbidding the use of United States warships on convoy duties. — Reuter.

slight.

The night was also marked by shellfire from German long-range guns across the Channel.

A number of shells fell in Dover at irregular intervals but no casualties so far have been reported. — Reuter.



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Naples And Catania Targets Of Heavy British Air Raids

Aerodromes And Railway Attacked

HEAVY BOMBING by the Royal Air Force of Naples and Catania aerodromes as well as the railway junction and marshalling yards on Monday night are the highspots of the R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters communique which states: "During the night of January 27, bombers of the R.A.F. carried out a heavy raid on Capodichino (Naples) Aerodrome.

"Bombs fell on a large building, setting it on fire, and other fires were started on the aerodrome. The central railway junction and marshalling yards at Naples were also attacked, fires and violent explosions being caused between the station and junction.

H.K. ANTI-SABOTAGE SCHEME

In connection with His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government's appeal of 9th January, 1941, for volunteers to provide anti-sabotage guards on board ships in Hong Kong Harbour, the following additional information may assist employers and those who are in some doubt as to whether they should volunteer for this duty.

Guards will only be required during the continuance of the Colony's present situation and the scheme will cease to function should the Colony be directly involved in war.

No fear need be entertained that the time of guards who are detailed for duty will be wasted in waiting for the ship to which they are allotted since it will be possible to arrange for them to return to their offices provided they can be communicated with by telephone at short notice.

The 12 hour duty period will not entail spending 12 hours continuously on guard, which would, in the case of night duty, impair the efficiency of the guards in their normal employment on the following day. It is anticipated that out of 3 guards, 1 will be on duty, 1 standing by and 1 off duty at any given time if the ship is working cargo. It will be appreciated that each person will be on full duty for only 1/3 of the 12 hour period.

It is realised that certain persons may hesitate to volunteer since, in the course of their normal employment, they may be liable to sudden business calls at short notice and at any hour of the day or night. It is hoped however that such persons will volunteer since, if there is a satisfactory response to the appeal, it will be possible to make arrangements with regard to times of duty to meet difficulties in individual cases.

Members of the regular army in Hong Kong will take part in

The same night the Catania aerodrome was raided, bombs bursting on the main runway and among buildings on the south side of the aerodrome.

"Fires were caused and one aircraft on the ground was burned out.

"Comiso was also visited and the bombing there started fires among buildings followed by six violent explosions which were seen by our aircraft raiding Catania.

11 Savoia's Out Of Action

"In Libya on Tuesday air activity was mainly confined to protective fighter patrols for our advancing troops and ground strafing of the retreating enemy between Derna and Barce.

"On the Martuba landing ground, 11 Savoia bombers were found abandoned in unserviceable condition. Three enemy fighters discovered nearby were also damaged by our earlier bombing and machine-gunning of the aerodrome.

"In Albania, fighter aircraft on patrol in the Keleyle area encountered a number of enemy aircraft and several were damaged.

"An important railway bridge and railway junction west of Keren (Eritrea) were successfully attacked.

"General air support was given our troops in their offensive the Agordat area.

Moyale Raids

"Aircraft of the South African Air Force on January 27 carried out raids in the Moyale area and many high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped. The result could not be observed owing to weather conditions.

"Numerous reconnaissance flights were made on all fronts. From all operations our aircraft returned safely.

"In a communique on January 27, it was stated that one of our fighter aircraft operating in Libya was missing. It is now known that the pilot of this aircraft made a successful parachute descent and was subsequently found with only minor injuries."—Reuter.

this scheme and it is anticipated that this will further reduce the frequency of each person's periods of duty.

It is particularly emphasised that the greater the response to this call for volunteers the lighter will be the duty of each person. So far as can at present be foreseen, it is probable that, if all those who are asked to volunteer will undertake to assist, each person's turn for a period of 12 hours duty will come only once in 6 to 8 weeks or even less frequently.

"VICTORY FIRST" THE WATCHWORD IN ATHENS

"Victory first" is the watchword of the new Greek Government, set forth in a proclamation issued in Athens last night.

The proclamation affirms the certainty that the fight will be carried to a victorious end and declares the Government, at the desire of the King, "takes up the heavy heritage of continuing the magnificent work of the man who has gone."—Reuter.

BRITAIN TO MOBILISE WOMEN FOR INDUSTRY

The compulsory registration of women for essential industries throughout Britain is to be enforced soon, Reuter's political correspondent learns.

THEIR 9-HOUR CONCERT

The Hotspurs, a North-East concert party, claims to hold the record for a single night's voluntary entertainment—a total of nine hours. It lasted from 7.30 p.m. till 4.30 a.m.

They started with a two-hour show to 500 troops. As they left the camp there was an Alert. At the nearest shelter, the Hotspurs gave a three-hour concert.

When the "Raiders passed" the Hotspurs made a ten-mile journey to their home town. Another raid—and another shelter concert. It lasted two hours.

CHINA "SQUADRON" OF HURRICANE FIGHTERS

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

A "BRITISH CHINA SQUADRON" of R.A.F. Hurricane fighters is being formed as a result of a contribution of £102,000 from British communities in China, the Ministry of Aircraft Production announced yesterday.

After it has been ascertained what emblem the community requires the squadron to carry and whether it wishes each plane to be named after some prominent personality or place, the procedure is for the Air Ministry to name the new or existing squadron in appropriate detail.

Pilots who hail from British communities in China or are closely connected with them may be posted to the squadron if they desire, in order further to cement the bond of British communities in China with their own air fighting unit.

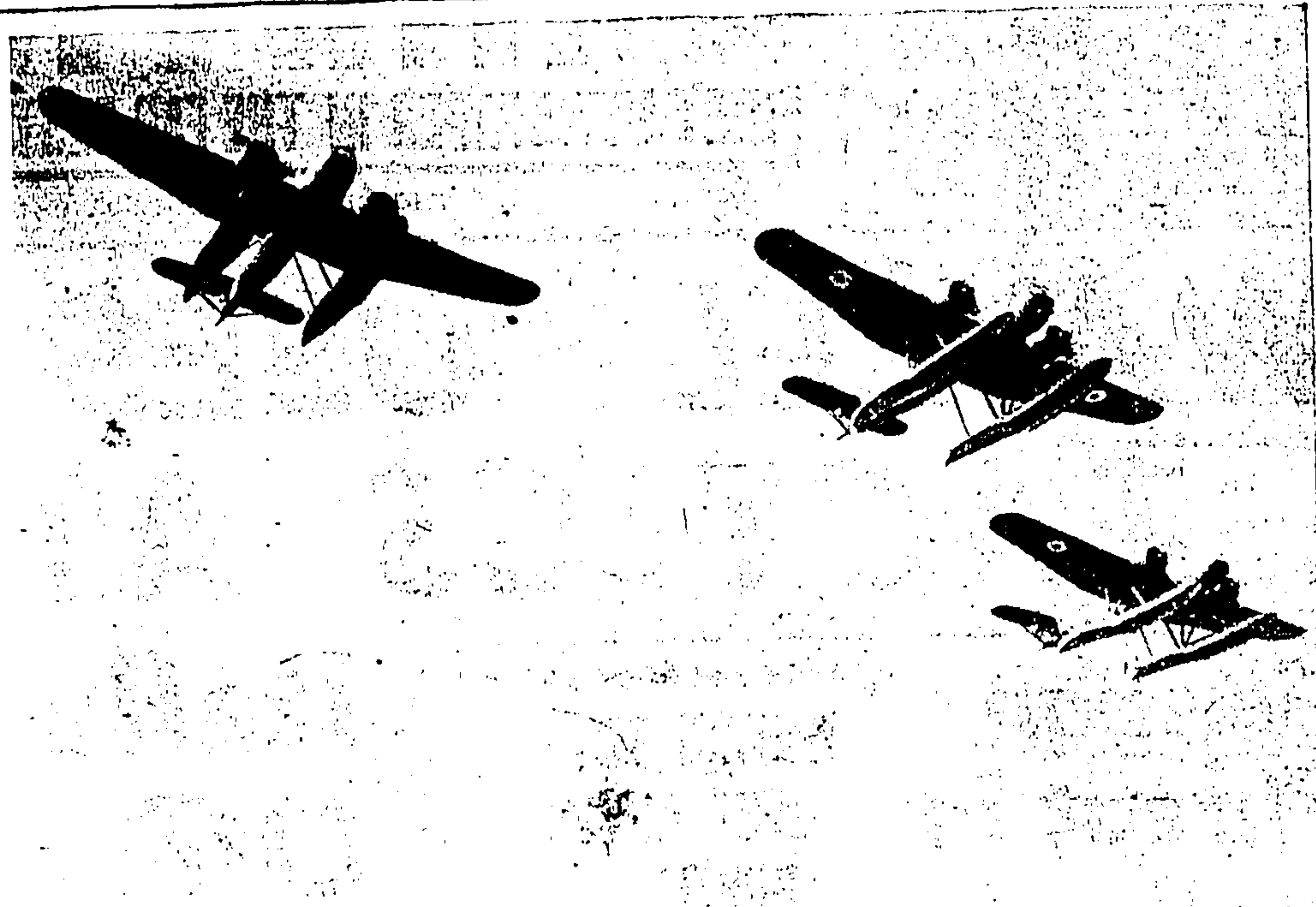
This latest squadron to arise as a result of the phenomenal outpourings of money from British and other communities abroad for more R.A.F. fighters and bombers, will join an exclusive list of similar squadrons already in the front line.

Huge Contribution

These are the Burma, Hyderabad and East India fighter squadrons which will shortly be augmented, I understand, by squadrons named from both the British and Netherlands East Indies and on the African continent from Basutoland and the Gold Coast.

Necessary token totals for a squadron of fighters or bombers are £100,000 and £300,000, respectively.

Over £20,000,000 has been contributed from all parts of the world for new R.A.F. warplanes, individually and in squadrons, in eight months since June last. — Reuter.



BRITAIN'S ALLIES. — Assisting the Royal Air Force in their duties of safeguarding British shores and escorting convoys bringing necessities to Eritrea are men of the Royal Dutch Naval Air Service. Some of them are using their own Fokker float planes which are serviced by Dutch personnel. Wearing uniforms similar to our Royal Navy they are smart and efficient and have already given a good account of themselves during the German invasion of Holland. Photo shows Dutch Fokker T.S.W. float planes (Wright Whirlwind engines) on convoy patrol. (Air Ministry Photograph).

MR. WILLKIE HAS A BUSY DAY

Whirlwind Inspection Of British Capital At War

Visit To T.U.C. Council Meeting

AFTER DINING WITH the entire British Cabinet on Tuesday night at a reception given by the Air Minister, Mr. Wendell Willkie yesterday started his third day of whirlwind inspection of London at war with undiminished energy.

The first morning meeting was with Sir Andrew Duncan, Minister of Supply, who is responsible for Britain's war production, after which Mr. Willkie dashed back to his hotel to deal with a mass of correspondence, also squeezing in a long talk with Professor Laski, one of the Labour Party's leading brains "behind the scenes."

High spot of the day was Mr. Willkie's arrival at the meeting of the Trades Union Congress General Council, who were discussing the Government's new power mobilisation scheme.

Sitting by the side of the T.U.C. Chairman, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Willkie listened to the discussion.

"They are a grand bunch of fellows, very intelligent and alert. I found myself in complete agreement with their aspirations and purposes," Mr. Willkie said afterwards.

Communists At The Savoy

Luncheon was at the Savoy Hotel with Sir Robert Kildersley, Britain's war saving propaganda chief, and a party of big businessmen.

A party of fur-coated and smartly dressed women who attempted to stage a Communist interruption were rapidly evicted almost before Mr. Willkie arrived.

Later Mr. Willkie visited Polish headquarters, where he met General Sikorski, the Polish Premier and Commander-in-Chief.

"My sympathies are 100 per cent with the Polish people," he said on leaving to return to his hotel where he had an interview with the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi.

Eire Visit

Mr. Willkie is using all the ration cards and police permits which foreign visitors to Britain are obliged to have.

They have been given to him at his own request as he is anxious not to receive unwarranted privileges.

Mr. Willkie's proposed visit to Eire has not yet been definitely fixed. — Reuter.

SPANISH ACTION AT TANGIER

The Foreign Under-Secretary was asked in the Commons yesterday whether the Spanish Government has given any explanation of the breach by them of the International Convention relating to the administration of Tangier and whether Britain would suspend the economic and financial agreements recently entered into for the advantage and assistance of Spain unless the Spanish Government undertook to conform to the Statute of Tangier, which they had solemnly pledged themselves to uphold.

Mr. Butler stated that during a conversation with the British Ambassador, and in public, the Spanish Foreign Minister had given various explanations of the action of his Government.

The principal claim was that the situation at Tangier was potentially dangerous as long as several belligerent powers were among those responsible for control of the International Zone, and therefore Spanish action was necessary to safeguard not only Spanish interests but also the interests of peace.

"As the House has already been informed," Mr. Butler added, "Britain, while reserving all rights under the relevant instruments, has embarked on negotiation of provisional arrangements concerning British rights and interests in the zone pending a final settlement. Progress of the discussions with the Spanish Government gives grounds for hoping that a satisfactory provisional solution may be found."—British Wireless.

his hearty cooperation. Existing conciliation machinery would be interfered with as little as possible and he stressed the point that the scheme would be a balanced one which, while imposing restrictions on labour, would also give security.

Mr. Bevin said there would be a great demand for women workers chiefly about twenty years of age. It is expected the scheme will affect some millions of people. — British Wireless.

"ILLUSTRIOUS FIGURE IN GREEK HISTORY"

A tribute to General Metaxas as one of the "illustrious figures of Greek history" is paid by King George in a message to the Greek nation.

"With the aid of God," says the King of the Hellenes, "Greece will live and triumph—worthy of our great ancestors, worthy of our heroes and martyrs."—Reuter.

WHO IS 'PERCY,' HERO OF TRIPLE RAID RESCUE?

(By A Special Correspondent)

Who is Percy? A charred fragment of a letter is the only clue to the identity of an R.A.F. hero. The newspapers have been asked to help to trace him.

After rescuing a man, wife and their little boy from the wreckage of their bombed home, risking death from dislodged timbers which threatened to collapse on him, the young airman walked shyly away from an admiring crowd.

As he went the letter fluttered from his pocket. It says:—

"I have just seen something very dangerous and brave done."

"Our house had collapsed and my parents inside were buried in the debris. I shouted for someone to try to get them out."

Smoked — Vanished

"A young R.A.F. chap came along and endangered his own life by going right into the thick of

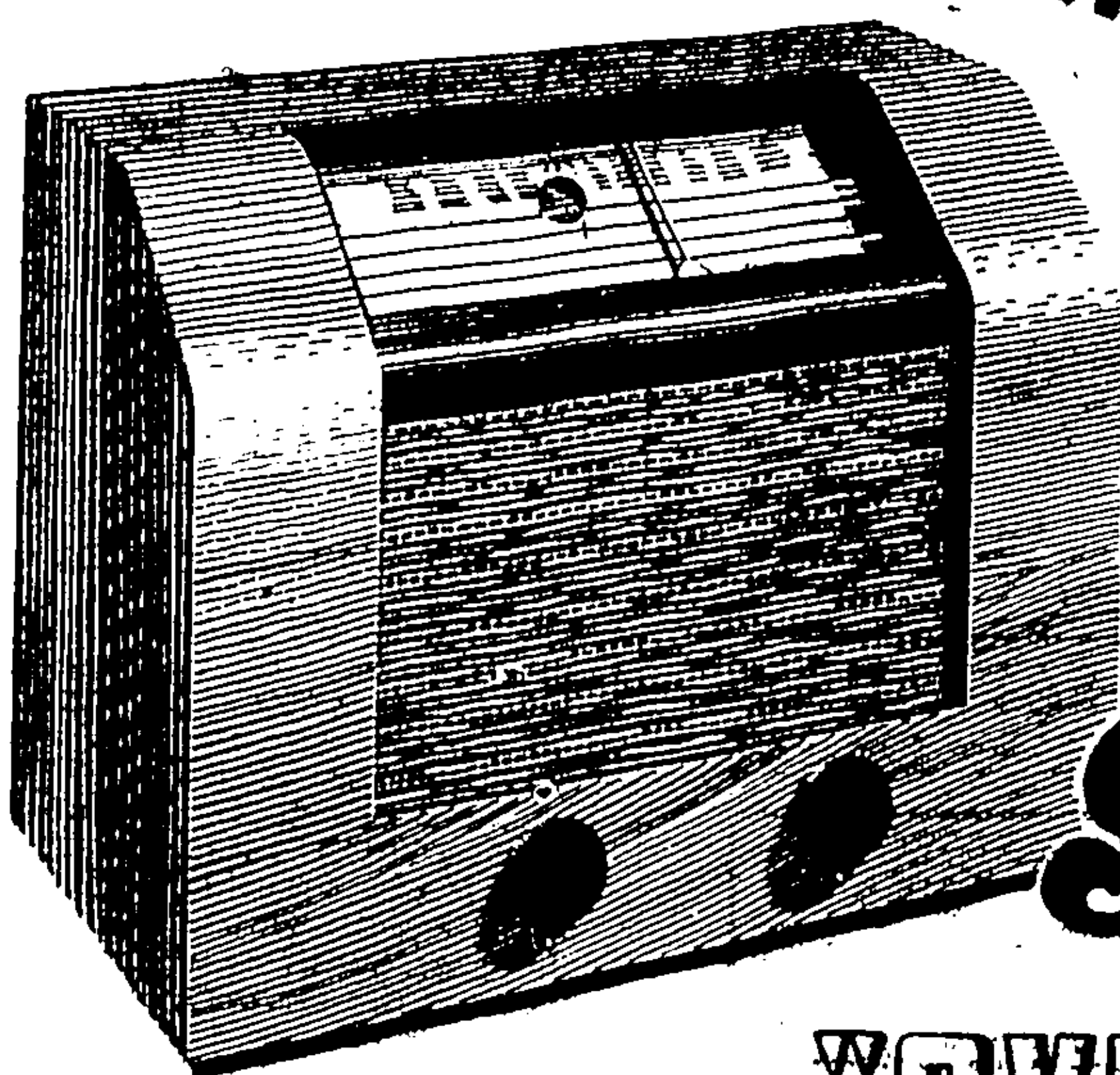
things, and rescued my mother, father and small brother."

"He had to crawl among a mass of timber which was likely to collapse at any moment to rescue them."

"When I looked round to thank him afterwards he had vanished. Someone gave him a cup of tea and he had a smoke, and dropped a paper which got burned."

"It does not tell you much, but I hope you can find out who he is. He deserves all honour and praise."

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T.U.C. AND MANPOWER QUESTION

Following a meeting of the T.U.C. and the Employers' Federation, at which Ministers of various Government departments were also present, Mr. Ernest Bevin stated that the whole problem of manpower and steps intended to be taken to secure adequate supply, has been discussed.

Orders and rules would be worked out in conjunction with a consultative committee so as to keep step with industry.

The Minister of Labour said voluntary efforts to secure the requisite numbers would receive

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R.A.F. MEETS & BEATS ITALY'S LATEST IN BOMBERS

A BRITISH FIGHTER PATROL has just fought an engagement with a formation of Italy's latest bombers over the southern Albanian front, one enemy bomber being shot down in flames. The British patrol suffered no loss.

Headquarters of the R.A.F. in Greece stated yesterday that a formation of our fighter aircraft on offensive patrol in southern Albania on Tuesday encountered a number of enemy bombers — Cantaz 107 and Breda 20 types.

Our aircraft at once attacked and shot down one enemy bomber in flames, while several others were damaged. The enemy formations were broken up successfully and deflected from their target. All our aircraft returned safely.

New Dive-Bomber

The Cantaz 107 is one of Italy's latest bombers. Its range is reputed to be 3,000 miles and its three engines give it a top speed of 230 miles an hour.

The Breda 20 is unlisted in London but it is likely to be the new Breda "Picchiattini" dive-bomber with which the Italian air force hoped to emulate the deeds of the German Junkers 87 dive-bomber.

Its speed is 250 miles an hour and it has a bomb-carrying capacity of 2,200 lbs., similar to the Nazi aircraft.—Reuter.

KILLED AS RAN TO HER BABIES

Four young children were made motherless in a raid on a north-east town when the twenty-two-year-old wife of a soldier, Mrs. M. Hairsine, was killed.

Her companion, Doreen Walker, eighteen, was also killed.

They had been out for a walk and were hurrying back home when a bomb exploded, killing them as they were climbing a fence as a short cut.

Four high-explosive bombs were dropped by a lone raider in another area.

A nineteen-year-old girl, Irene Close, extricated herself from the debris of one house and rescued one of two children left in her care. She then went back to save the other child.

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"And," says Mrs. Barr, a widow with nine sons and three daughters, "I think I might look for some sort of war work myself."

"My sons Jack, Peter and Dennis are in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, and George is an air gunner in the R.A.F."

"Stanley, Henry, Tom and Bert have had their medical examinations. Tom will probably join his brothers. The other three want to become air gunners."

"Jim, the eldest, aged thirty-five, like all his brothers, is a butcher by profession."

CHANDRA BOSE MYSTERY

There was still no news in Calcutta yesterday of Mr. Chandra Bose, the Indian Leftist leader, who disappeared a few days ago.—Reuter.

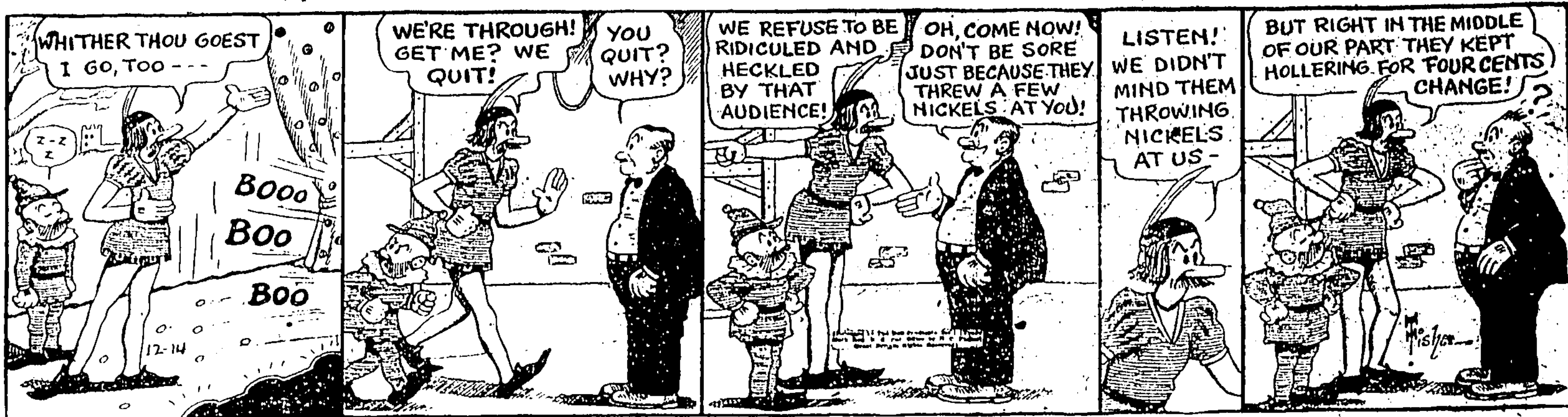
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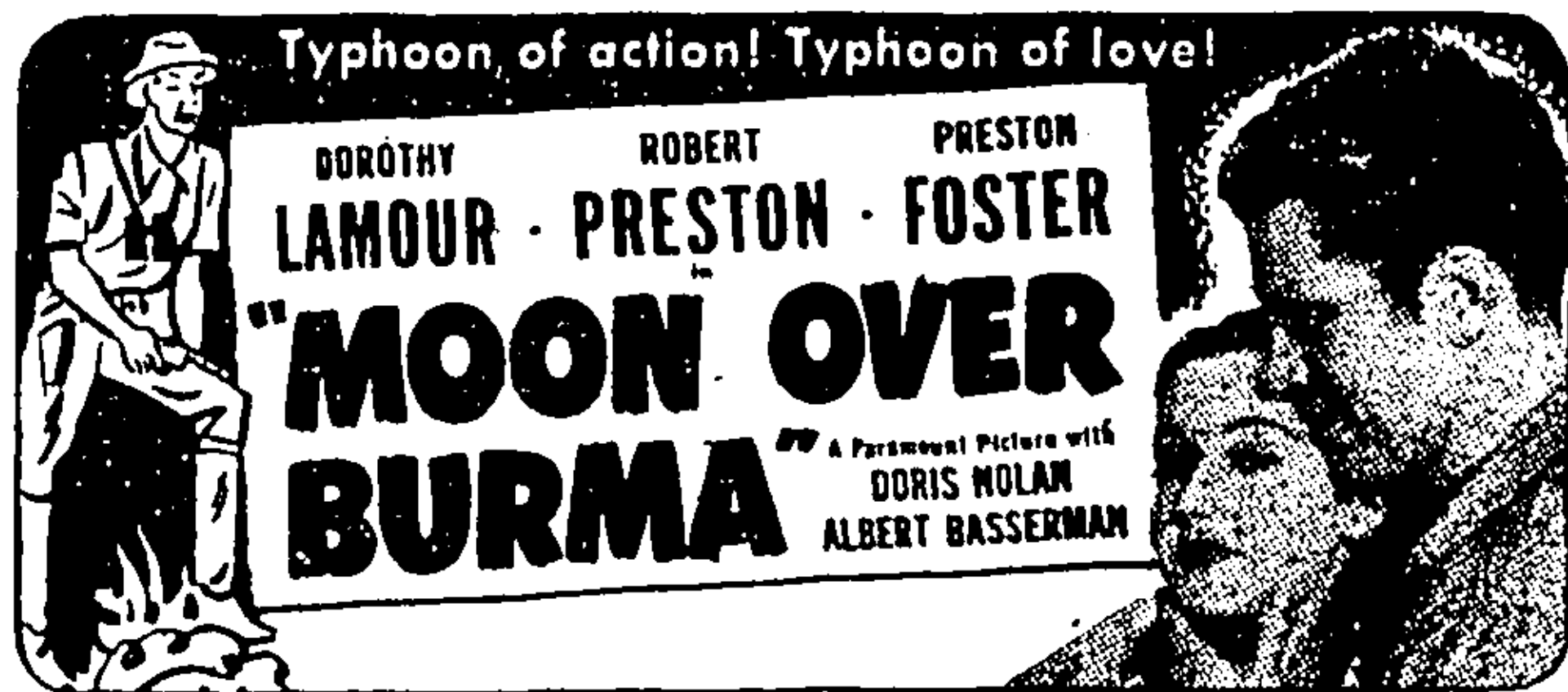
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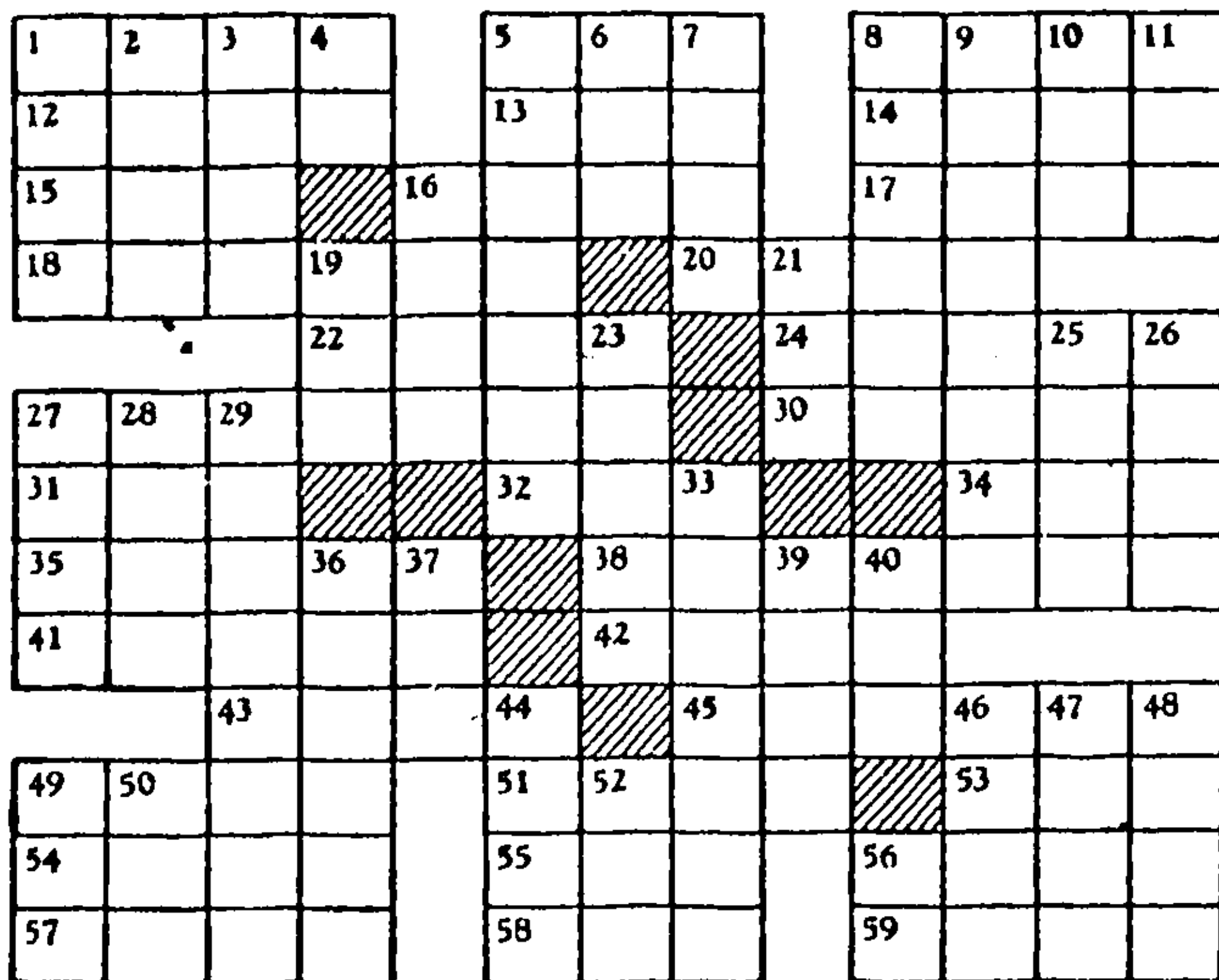


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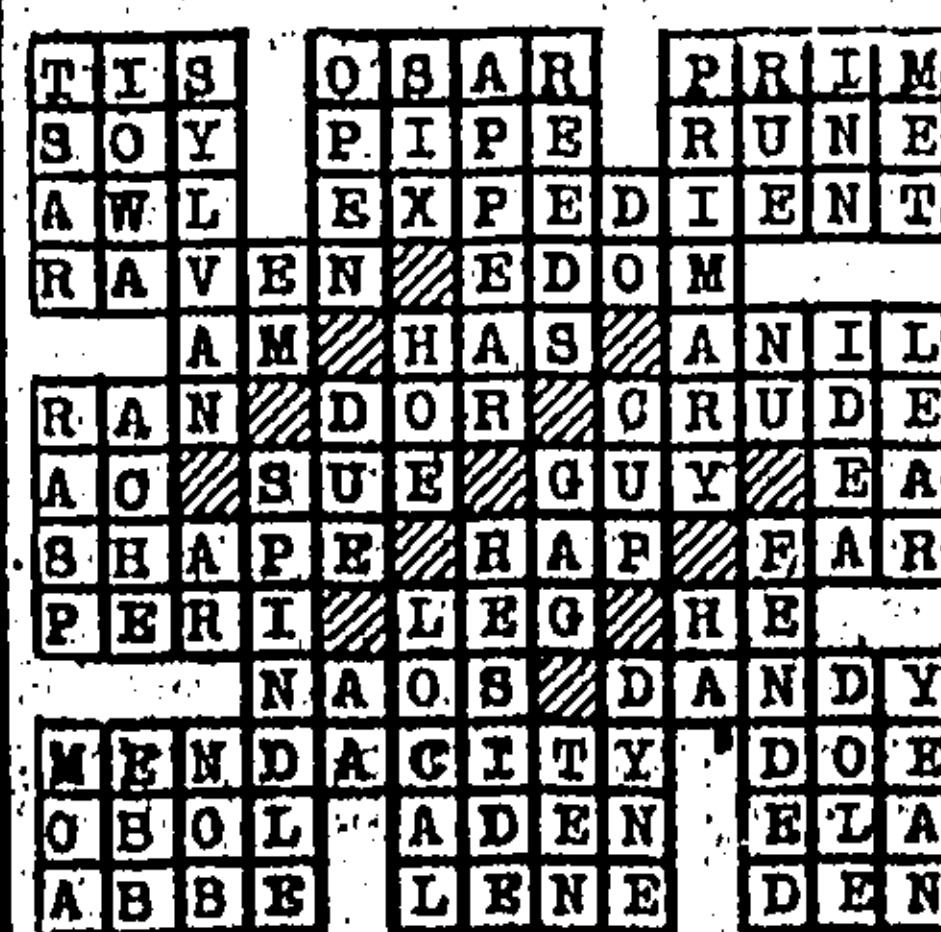


- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 To cook in a dry heat
 - 5 Young goat
 - 8 Card game
 - 12 Persia
 - 13 To dig
 - 14 Nimbus
 - 15 To trouble
 - 16 European
 - 17 Preposition
 - 18 To shroud
 - 20 Dynasty in Chinese history
 - 22 Singing voice
 - 24 Celestial bodies
 - 27 French bacteriologist
 - 30 Ethical
 - 31 Slender finial
 - 32 Male
 - 34 Unit
 - 35 Wooden shoe
 - 38 Gland in the neck
 - 41 Moment
 - 42 Comfort
 - 43 To grant temporary use of
 - 45 To derive by reasoning
 - 49 Transaction
 - 51 Ancient stringed instrument
 - 53 Gypsy

- 54 River in Italy
- 55 Cry of cat
- 56 Sacred Buddhist language
- 57 Vertical timber
- 58 To settle
- 59 Wing-like

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Prejudice
 - 2 Seed covering
 - 3 Hindu goddess
 - 4 Printer's measure
 - 5 Capital of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan
 - 6 Electrified particle
 - 7 To judge
 - 8 Religion of the Japanese
 - 9 Australian marsupial
 - 10 Music: high
 - 11 Also
 - 12 To remove
 - 13 Large tub
 - 14 Doctrine
 - 15 To harangue
 - 16 Hindu goddess
 - 17 Winter vehicle
 - 18 Nuisance
 - 19 Armadillo
 - 20 Missing
 - 21 Unsubstantial
 - 22 Large American cat
 - 23 Decade
 - 24 Belgian river
 - 25 Colour
 - 26 Moist
 - 27 Russian mountain system
 - 28 Kind of nut
 - 29 Moslem prince
 - 30 Flatfish
 - 31 Silkworm
 - 32 Ocean
 - 33 Colloquial: father

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



TROOPS PUNISHED IN PUBLIC

Punishment of a party of Royal Field Artillery men is being made a public spectacle in a North Yorkshire village.

For more than a week inhabitants have gathered at their doors - and scores of evacuees have flocked on the market cross - to watch five young men with full back march for an hour three times daily up and down one of the hilly streets.

This has been part of their punishment for a military offence.

Motorists passing through the village have been held up by onlookers.

No complaint can be made that the punishment was improperly ordered - that is not the concern of the villagers - but the selection of the punishment place has led to many protests to the clerk of the parish council.

The village feels that the men no matter what their crime should not suffer public humiliation.

Medieval

"No prisoner sentenced by a civil Court would have to put up with it," said one resident.

"It is going back to the medieval days of stocks, ducking chairs and public floggings.

"Surely no crime warrants a British soldier being made a laughing stock."

The headmaster of the village school said: "It is disgraceful. It would be better if the men kept their energy for the Germans."

Outside the village there are miles of moorland.

The largest landowner in the district is willing to place land at the disposal of the military where punishment could be carried out out of sight.

WAR PRISONERS' BATTLE DRESS

Large quantities of British battle-dress uniforms and great-coats from War Office stocks are being sent to Germany through the International Red Cross at Geneva for our prisoners of war in German camps.

Sir Edward Grigg, Under-Secretary for War, explained in a Parliamentary answer that under the Geneva Convention captor States contract to supply clothing, underwear and footwear to prisoners of war. He added that the United States authorities have been asked to press the German Government to carry out their obligations in this respect.

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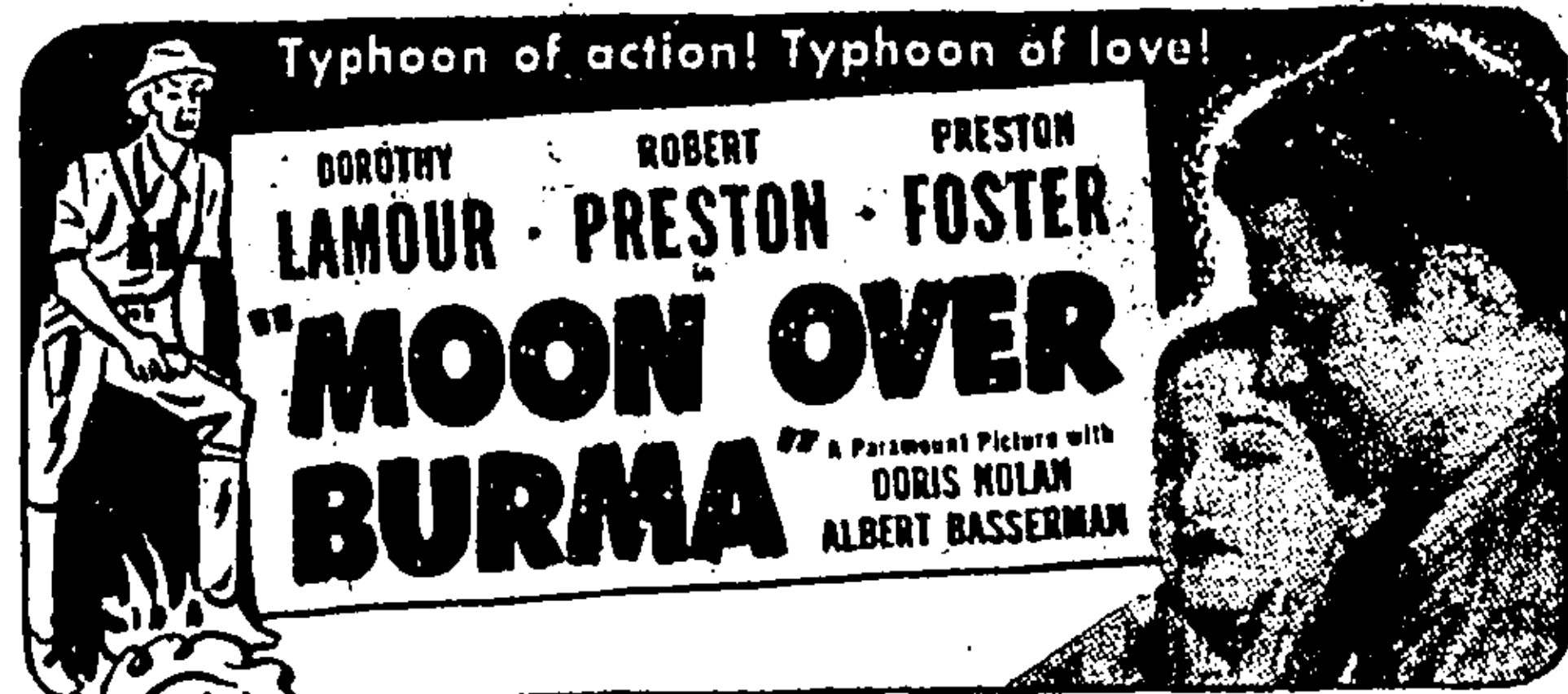
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SURVIVORS OF "EMPRESS" TELL OF BOMBING

HOW THE EMPRESS OF BRITAIN was attacked by a German bomber in the Atlantic was told by survivors who landed at a British port recently to the "Manchester Guardian." The ship was set on fire by the raider's bombs, and while in tow she blew up and sank. Some 598 survivors out of a total on board of 643 have been landed by British warships.

The ship's commander, Captain Charles Howard Sapsworth, was among the survivors. He stood on the bridge until it was burning away beneath him, encouraging his anti-aircraft gunners as they battled with the German plane until all were killed or wounded and the guns were out of action.

The Nazi raider then continued to machine-gun the bridge and the helpless passengers on deck. Captain Sapsworth brought the King and Queen back in the Empress of Britain from their Canadian tour.

Far beneath the gunners, in the bowels of the liner, other men lent the engines going though they had to wear gas masks because of the smoke and fumes.

After dropping his first bombs the Nazi plane returned and dropped four more, including incendiaries. The liner caught fire, and passengers took to the boats, but some could not be lowered as they were set ablaze by the bombs. Sailors made rafts for passengers.

There was little danger of the ship sinking immediately, and there was ample time for women and children to get into the boats. While awaiting instructions they had stayed below without panic. Many of those on board could not get away immediately, and about 300 of them made their way to the forecastle. The last were not taken off until six hours later. In the stern about 100 people gathered, but they were all taken off within an hour of the attack.

Several members of the crew paid a tribute to a naval officer aboard the Empress of Britain.

"He took a party of men through the flames and smoke to try to launch some of the starboard boats," said one sailor. "They managed to get one of the boats lowered, but then had to beat a retreat. That one boat saved a lot of lives."

Once again the R.A.F. played its part. The occupants of one boat sighted a British flying-boat, and cheered when the R.A.F. men signalled that rescue ships were on the way. The occupants of the boat were picked up three-quarters of an hour later by a warship.

Baby Among the Rescued

The youngest passenger on board—eleven-month-old Neville Hart—was saved. He was tied in a blanket on the back of a sailor who slid down sixty feet of rope to a lifeboat. The child's mother, father, sister, and brother were also saved. Their home is at Aldridge, Staffs.

His sister Beryl, aged nineteen, said: "I was in my cabin, near my mother's, when the first bomb struck the liner. There was a terrific noise and my cabin was wrecked before I was able to leave it. My mother called and I scrambled through the wreckage and reached her. We stayed below. Soon fire broke out, and it was raging all around us."

"My little brother did not seem to trouble at all. We remained in the ship for about two hours before we were safely lowered to the lifeboats. We were in the boats for six and a half hours before we were picked up by British warships."

Mr. J. P. Donovan, of Southampton, said: "As soon as the bombing began about forty or fifty of us lay down on the deck of the forecastle. The lights went out in this part of the ship. With the assistance of torches we made our way forward, and when we reached the bows conditions were not too bad. The captain had manoeuvred the vessel so that the forward part would be clear of smoke and flames."

"Finally about 300 people, including women and children, were gathered. Half an hour after the attack some of the boats lowered from the starboard side came up forward, and we got all the women and children, and as many others as possible into them. The sea was pretty calm and we

did not experience much difficulty here."

Rafts Made

"These boats were full up and we still had about 140 people on the forecastle. We hoped there would be boats for us sometime or other, but in case there were not we began to make rafts. We got all the wood we could—cabin doors, doors between decks, and awning spars—and made sea rafts. We pushed these to the rails ready to tip into the water and tied lines to them so that they would not float away."

"One man who was in the water came up the rope to the deck and helped a sailor to lower a boat. This boat was the means of many lives being saved."

"Owing to the fire spreading quickly a number of the boats had to be got away with only four men in them, the idea being to get them safely afloat and then get the people into them. The trouble was that four men could not row these heavy boats, and then the motor-boat which could have towed them to where they were needed most got a knock as it was being lowered and the engine would not start."

"The coxswain, named McKinnon, and an R.A.F. officer did excellent work between them. McKinnon had about a dozen people in the motor-boat with him, but none of them could get the engine to start. We managed to row the boat to the lifeboat nearby in the hope that someone there could help. There we came across the R.A.F. officer, and he managed to get the engine going. It was easy after that. The motor-boat towed the empty lifeboats up to the ship, where the flames had been spreading, and it was not long after until we were all away. I was one of the last men to leave the ship."

"All these hours the flames had been spreading forward and the heat and smoke were most trying. One man who had been in the sea was dried in a short time just by standing near a bulwark."

"Then a British flying-boat came along. It signalled to us that rescue ships were on the way. We cheered. A British warship came up about three-quarters of an hour later. The Navy was grand, and soon had us all on board."

Fire's Rapid Spread

"Another member of the crew said he thought a number of people were killed and injured by the explosion of the bombs and by the aircraft's machine-guns."

"It was typical of the Nazi airman," he said, "to machine-gun the helpless passengers after he had put our guns out of action with his bombs. He machine-gunned the bridge heavily, but the machine-gunner there fought back bravely. I heard our skipper commending him highly. The skipper himself was very cool. He stayed on the bridge until it was literally burning beneath his feet, and he was on the forepart until the very end."

"I cannot describe how quickly the fire spread. The ship caught fire within a few minutes as the result of hits by incendiary bombs. If it had not been for the fires we would never have had to leave the ship."

"We managed to collect some of the injured and carry them 'at, where some other men and I stayed with the ship's doctor, helping to attend them until we were taken off."

Women's Bravery

One of the stewards said: "The women were very brave. One of

THEATRE IS CATHEDRAL

They can't black-out Exeter Cathedral, so the authorities have taken the Theatre Royal for Sunday evening services.

No collections and "religion without frills" are features of these services for young people, to be conducted from the stage.

The Dean, Dr. S. C. Carpenter, told a reporter: "There will be no frills. The speakers will not aim at being eloquent or emotional, but will try to give plain answers to the difficult religious questions of to-day. 'A great many of the Exeter churches are closing on Sunday evenings because they cannot properly darken their windows.'

Hymns On Screen

"The Cathedral is similarly affected.

No doubt parents will stay at home, but the younger folk will probably want to go out. These theatre services are intended for them."

"It is hoped that these services will attract also those people who walk about the streets on Sunday nights."

"The whole thing will be easy. Words of the hymns will be flashed on to a screen. There will be no charge for admission and no collections."

BUY THEIR OWN BOMB

The Minister of Supply has acknowledged a cheque for £46 15s. 6d. subscribed by the residents of Simeloengoen, a district on the east coast of Sumatra, for the purchase of "a bomb to be dropped fairly and squarely on some definite objective in Germany on their behalf."

The residents of Simeloengoen have been assured that they need have no doubts that the bomb will be dropped in the manner they desire.

them, a Mrs. Stratter, found herself on a raft. Not far away was a lifeboat, but as it had only four men in it it appeared that it could not reach the raft, so Mrs. Stratter and a steward swam to the boat."

Describing how he received injuries to his hands, a steward said, "I went down the rope to get into the boat, but when I got to the water the boat had disappeared. I hung on for a time and it was then that my hands were hurt. I then found an empty lifebelt box floating about. I was wearing my lifebelt, but I can swim only a few strokes. I managed to get to the box, and then it overturned and I was trapped inside it below the water. How I managed to free myself I do not know. . . . I have a vague memory of a pal of mine appearing from somewhere with a boat-hook, but I don't remember being pulled into the lifeboat."

A man who was among the last party to leave the forecastle said, "By the time we left the foremast was red hot and the paint was falling off like strips of canvas."

An engine-room officer said, "We kept the engines running for about three-quarters of an hour after the attack, but the smoke and fumes were so bad below that we had to wear our gas masks as we went about our jobs. The lights were on, but we needed electric torches as well to see what we were doing. When the time came to abandon ship we had a bit of a struggle to get on deck."

George Larkin, a fireman, of Liverpool, said: "The first I heard was machine-gun fire. A moment later a bomb struck the ship. We were trapped and we had to go right forward again through black choking smoke and fumes. Two men collapsed from suffocation before we reached safety by climbing to the upper deck."

Several members of the ship's crew were killed and wounded as they strove to keep the raiders off. Those manning a Lewis gun were shot down by the raiders' machine-guns as they fired at it."

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THE NEW "LEAGUE OF NATIONS"

The same sardonic theatricalism that impelled Hitler to force the French to capitulate in the famous armistice car in the forest of Compiègne inspires the Germans to describe the bloc they are busily imposing on Europe as a "league of nations." This is the brand of satire the Nazis relish; it illuminates the real character of a revolution motivated by a spirit of vengeance and directed by a leader driven ahead by the desire to get even with the rest of the world.

Applying the name of League of Nations to a forced draft of conscript States emphasises as well as anything the quality of Hitler's new order. It is like a bad caricature, drawn by some evil genius, of the plan for a community of free nations which Hitler did most to wreck when he broke the League Covenant and the Treaty of Locarno.

The assembly at Geneva was created to be a forum of small nations; it was the first international congress in history in which the little countries spoke as loudly as the big powers. In Hitler's league they will have no voice at all. As he incorporates Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria into the system, encircles Yugoslavia as Sweden is encircled, puts the pressure of all on resistant Greece, the whole continent will be bound by a silence as complete as the tomb-like quiet of the occupied lands. One voice, very loud and familiar—will speak for all. No State can keep out of this "league," or get out once it is in; none, we are told, can maintain even a "silent partnership with the British firm" and play even its mum and minor role in the future of Europe.

Opposition to Britain is, in fact, the only binding principle. Hitler's league is simply a war front against the British. It is significant that the new continental order begins "west of Russia," and in this connection the most interesting item in the announcements from Berlin is the statement in one of the most conservative of Nazi organs, the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt," that recent diplomatic developments in Europe and also in the Far East are proceeding "with the authoritative cooperation and full approval of the Soviet Union." There is

Who Holds Khartoum Holds One of the Keys To Egypt

Khartoum, Mecca of the hyena hordes of Mussolini, has a history which bridges all known centuries. When the Queen of Sheba set out on her journey to King Solomon she went, so Sir Flinders Petrie believes, from Meroe, capital of that region, the Sudan, of which Khartoum is now the head and jewel.

Khartoum, in those dim days when what is now the Bible record was no more than the tangled legends of desert tribes, was a fishing village. Its mud-walled huts, straw-thatched, basking in dusty sunshine, quarulous with geese and screaming children, stood on a tongue of chocolate soil.

On one side flowed the mighty waters of the Blue Nile, sparkling with the snow-water brilliance of Abyssinian mountain torrents. On the other the White Nile, milky-coloured, came down broad-bosomed from the ghostly, unknown heart of Africa.

By Test Of Battle

In front of the fishing village these two great waters united to form that vast river the Nile—river of conquerors and Pharaohs, of vanished cities and dead gods, of old wars and crumbled empires. To-day the ownership of that ancient river may well decide the future of the world. The prophecy of the pyramids is about to be fulfilled within sight of their immutable stones. The nations of the world furnish their weapons, tighten their reins.

Khartoum, the jewel of the Sudan, is high among the prizes. For he who wins Khartoum holds the southern key to Egypt, even as he who takes Alexandria has the key to the north. Egypt is the guardian of the Suez Canal, and the national which straddles the canal has its foot upon the vertebra of the British Empire.

They called it Khartoum in the far-off days when Tirhakah was King of Ethiopia and Hezekiah was King of Judea, because the tongue of land upon which stood the fishing huts was shaped like an elephant's trunk, whereof the word is khartoum.

Kitchener's Vision

For a time this wild land of desert, savage hills and mighty rivers was Christian. St. Athanasius is said to have introduced the faith from Abyssinia. There are to-day the dusty remains of Christian churches in Soba, 10 miles south of Khartoum; their piles of forgotten bricks are scattered here and there in the trim, toylike mud towns of Dongola. When the Arabs swept in across the Red Sea in the Eighth Century Christianity was overwhelmed there and the Muslim creed was paramount.

Long before the brief period of Christian enlightenment the Sudan was ruled by a monstrous race of queens, the Canadace, Amazons of a terrifying mould. Their portraits in stone invariably show them hauling along a bunch of prisoners by the hair in one hand and brandishing a battle-axe in the other.

One hundred and twenty years ago, when the all-conquering Turkish and Egyptian armies of that great Albanian adventurer Mohamed Ali the First, ancestor of King Farouk of Egypt, invaded the Sudan they pitched upon the fishing village as the strategic key of their new-world territories.

It is the key to-day; but it is more. Lord Kitchener in 1910 prophesied that by 1960 Khartoum would be the greatest city in Africa, provider of all the cotton that Lancashire can need, mighty market of wheat, sugar, rice, gum arabic, rubber, hides and oil. That prophecy is well on the way to fulfilment. To-day the Governmental City of Khartoum proper has a population of 46,676; Khartoum North one of 107,720, and Omdurman, across the river, 110,000.

no reason to doubt that Stalin, whose policy is dictated by fear of Hitler, has given the go-ahead signal. That circumstance simply adds the plaster cornice to a fake structure, exhibited before the foundation stone is laid and doomed to fall long before it is built.

959 — a total of more than 265,000 people, so far as the difficulties of census-taking in swarming native cities can allow accuracy.

The city proper is magnificently modern, clean and well planned. Its hotels are unimpeachable, its streets broad, its shops

— By —
J. Wentworth Day

good, transport excellent, and sanitation above reproach. What was in the days of the Mahdi a squalid, mud-walled town, stinking of cruelty and corruption, is to-day one of the world's model cities, a shining tribute to British rule. Khartoum is young, splendid and eager.

Let it be remembered that it is only 42 years since this whole land of the Sudan was a slave State under the bloody heel of that mad Khellfa in whose brief reign of 13 years a population of eight and a half millions was reduced by famine, disease and battle to one and a half millions.

Nearly every town and village was in ruins. Flocks and herds were wiped out. Men and women were crucified. Dogs, vultures and the sword were partners in government.

Even the date palms were hewn down by the Mahdi's followers in their frenzy of destruction. Britain was hated with a blood-lust of religious fervour which caused the Sudanese to fling themselves under withering fire on to British bayonets. Those "low" white clouds of maddened tribesmen died hating us with the last breath.

I have talked of these wars in the villages of the Nile with old men, black as night, stringy as camels, who fought against us. Their old eyes still light up mischievously with the memories of fighting.

To-day the Sudan has a population of 6,342,477, of whom only 52,625 are non-native. Could any more eloquent testimony be given to the beneficence of British rule than a jump in the population of nearly 5,000,000 in 40 years? Of the 969,600 square miles which make up this vast territory, as big as all Europe bar Russia, the 9,000,000 acres at the back of Khartoum, between the two rivers,

is among the richest land in all the world. It will grow anything which grows in alluvial Africa.

The country, which is 1,050 miles in length from Egypt to Uganda and the borders of the Belgian Congo, has 1,991 miles of railways, 5,854 miles of telegraph and telephone routes, 23 wireless stations, a fleet of Government steamers on the Nile, ample motor transport, and a submarine cable across the Red Sea to the Kingdom of the Hedjaz.

Since the Anglo-Egyptian armies overthrew the Mahdi's fanatics the country has been governed by a Governor-General appointed by Egypt, with the assent of Great Britain, a state of affairs embodied in a convention signed with Cairo on Jan. 19, 1899, and reaffirmed in the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1926. The British and Egyptian flags fly together. Laws are made by proclamation. Imports from Egypt are duty free. Slavery is abolished.

The country is defended by the Sudan Defence Force, one of the finest Colonial forces in the world. It owes allegiance to the Governor-General, although since the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty was signed a few Egyptian troops have returned to Khartoum and Port Sudan.

Line of Great Men

This Defence Force has been built up by the tireless labours and in the great traditions of a mighty line of Sirdars and Governors-General. Names of the great men of the Sudan ring through the brief and stirring pageant of its present history—Gordon and Kitchener, Slatin Pasha and Hicks Pasha, Wingate and Lee Stack, down to Sir John Maffey and his successor of to-day, Sir Stuart Symes, a Governor-General cast in the true mould of British pro-Consuls, that individual race of men whose motto of rule is "Persuade but be firm."

The tradition of Kitchener is strong in the land. The hand of the great Sirdar seems still living on every brick and stone. His name is constantly in men's mouths. It is as though one dwelt in a land where the living walk hand in hand with the mighty dead.

I shall not soon forget that ramrod-like Bimbashi, black as coal, smart as a grenadier, with the magnificent boots and Savile-row breeches, who fought with Kitchener at Omdurman. This whipcord man of war remembered Mr. Churchill as a dashing subaltern. Seventy-three years old and as active as a snipe, his contempt for the Italians was summed up in one terse phrase—"The sons of jackals."

After Omdurman

Let Mussolini, Scipio Africanus (very much Minor) remember in his African venture not only the fate of Cambyzes' armies, swallowed in the Libyan desert, but that more recent sign of this present spirit in the Sudan, when, on Sept. 3, 1898, two days after the battle of Omdurman, Kitchener held that impressive ceremony at Khartoum on the spot where Gordon fell.

The Union Jack flew from the ruined palace in the scorching desert sunlight. The troops, sand-stained, black and brown, were drawn up in impressive lines. Native faces, scarred with the tribal marks on either cheek, stretched in silent waves to left and right. Under the hot sun the two voices of the Sudan—English and Arabic—rolled thunderously in the National Anthem of Great Britain. A day worthy of Alexander the Great—Grecian in its epic significance.

Gordon was avenged; Britain's prestige was restored. Egypt was saved from invasion. That day may well come again, and soon. For in the Sudan Kitchener kindled a flame for the future which, though strong, is not yet fully bright.

The priests of Ephesus said of Alexander's birth: "This day there is in some part of the world a torch kindled which shall one day consume all the East."

We, too, may say when the battle of Egypt and the Sudan is joined, that such a light will be lit in Africa as will not die till the Axis, its faith, its Mediterranean mercenaries have perished in the sands which swallowed the empires of the past.

Silk Stockings

Homily From A Victorian

"This mad scramble for silk stockings is a disgrace to our sex," said Grandmamma. Her evening gown was long enough to conceal her feet entirely, and not even Ida had the courage to ask what sort of hosiery its folds concealed. "Does none of you know there's a war on?" she added, for the old never weary of clichés.

"It's all very well," said Ida pacifically. Her husband is in the R.A.F., and she herself was in uniform till she resigned for what Grandmamma calls "nursery reasons." "But what else are we to wear? Everyone always has worn silk stockings."

"Always indeed!" snorted Grandmamma. "Why I read only the other day that Queen Elizabeth was the first woman in England to wear silk stockings, and they were carpentered out of a bit of silk. I gather, so you wouldn't have cared for them! And everyone indeed! Do you realise that my generation never wore anything but woollen stockings till they were grown up? Black ribbed woollen stockings, summer and winter, and we," said Grandmamma, striking out rather unfairly on a side issue of her own, "never had our tonsils or adenoids dragged out in this lax modern way!"

"But Grannie, you can't have worn them for dances or parties," protested Ida.

Grandmamma paused, uncertain, as old ladies often are, whether to portray a past devoid of foolish, unnecessary gaiety or one in which she ruled as a queen of charm and attraction. The latter was evidently winning as she admitted, "Well, yes, we had fine white cotton stockings for parties I remember, but not silk. My grandmother gave me two pairs once, given to her at the time of the Great Exhibition. They had the date—1856 or so—embroidered in open work across the ankles and she thought them too fast to wear. I wore them once, I recollect, at a garden party, and the midges bit through them till I found the date across my instep in red spots on my return. For we did not scratch our legs in public in those days, my dear."

"Well, when did you begin silk, anyway?" asked Ida.

"My first pair was given me when I married; very thick with lace openwork, and they cost a guinea. I had a black pair and a pink pair, too. I remember, but that was all. I was saying to your mother only yesterday how odd it is how one forgets these things. We cannot remember when people began to wear brown, or

even grey, stockings, but we think it must have been about the beginning of the century when so many girls took to sport of every kind and skirts grew shorter—though even then six inches off the ground was enough for us. It was only in that time of licence after the Great War, when skirts literally flared upwards, that I remember purchasing grey or bronze stockings as a matter of course and that the shops began to produce cheap silk varieties. It was then that everyone, as you say, began to wear them, and a great mistake too. Old people got rheumatism in their legs and young people had an endless strain on their dress allowances. And as for the working classes" (Grandmamma still employs this old-world term), "I think silk stockings did far, far more harm than cinemas or wireless or even education! Not a girl will get down to a good scrub or turn out a room as she should in those ridiculous flimsy things. Girls live in one perpetual fear, that they'll ladder their stockings. That's why, when they marry, they eat out of tins and neglect their children. They won't bother to cook and they spend half their money on their legs. I have great hopes that this restriction may put good sensible wool on their legs and ideas into their heads, and that we shall see a better England even before the war is over. For, as I always say, good may come, even out of evil!"

It was unfortunate that Grandmamma emphasised this noble thought with a tap of her foot, so that the watchful Ida could exclaim reproachfully:

"Oh, Grannie! You've the best silk stockings yourself!"

"Not at all," said Grandmamma undismayed. "I am wearing, as I always do, a pair of thin silk over a pair of Lisle thread. Let me hand the idea on to all you young people. The material below troubles the life of the silk and the effect is very rich. It is my own idea, and I am proud of it."

"But what will you do when they're all worn out?" asked Ida.

"I have laid in enough during the last year to last my time, I hope," replied the old lady majestically.

"Without remembering that there was a war on," murmured Ida, but Grandmamma turned on her undismayed.

"When you have lived through as many wars as I have you learn prudence," she said majestically as she rose to take herself

Winifred Peck.



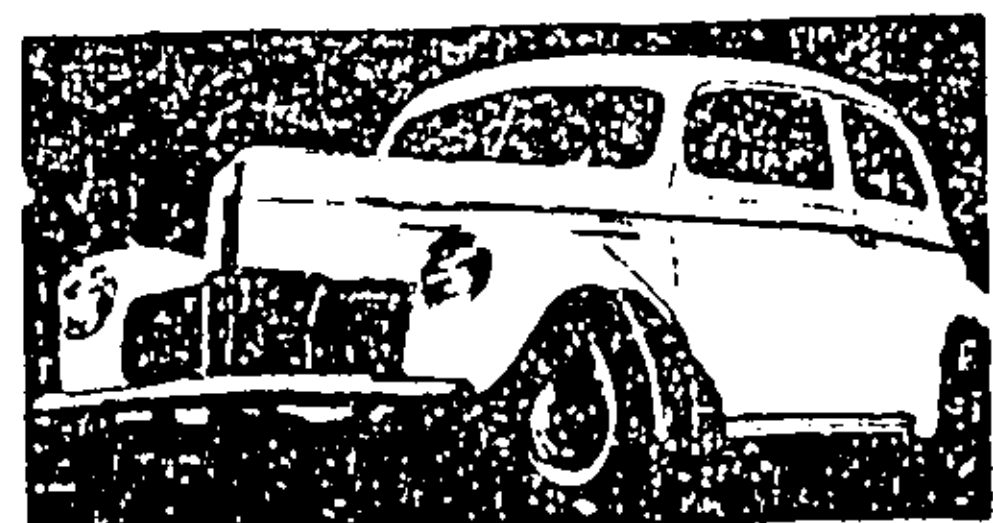
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UNITED STATES AND "BACK DOOR" AID TO NAZIS

IT WAS CONSIDERED possible in London that at an interview yesterday with Mr. Cordell Hull the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, might impress upon the United States Secretary of State the urgency of extending to the economic field aid to Britain afforded by the United States in the matter of direct war material.

Such aid, it is considered, would particularly be effective regarding the export of materials useful in war across the Pacific through Russia.

Some surprise is expressed in London at a reported statement by Mr. Cordell Hull that he believed United States exports to Russia were insufficient to be of any great military value to Germany.

This view is by no means shared in informed quarters in London and in regard in particular to copper, cotton and oil drilling machinery the view is strongly held that a very substantial advantage may accrue to the enemy through this channel.

Pre-war normal Russian imports of raw cotton, for example, amounted to about 20,000 tons in 1937-38 and of American cotton about 4,000 tons was exported to Russia in 1937.

Between the outbreak of war and October, 1940, there is no evidence of any Russian imports of cotton across the Pacific. Since that date, however, 32,000 tons of cotton have been shipped to the U.S.S.R. from the United States.

Undertaking By Soviet

It is not known what Russia has undertaken to export to Germany in cotton under the new German-Soviet agreement, but it may be assumed for certain not to be less and probably considerably more than last year's exports, which are estimated at ninety thousand to one hundred thousand tons.

It is, indeed, believed that taking into account Germany's increasing use of artificial textile materials sufficient will be available from this source to provide the whole of Germany's cotton requirements for war purposes.

Evidence of direct exports of copper to Germany from Russia is also so far lacking.

It is considered probable, however, from a study of returns of exporting countries for 1937 and 1938 that Russia's imports of copper during 1940, including about 56,000 tons from the U.S.A., were in excess of her current requirements.

Ability To Supply

It is noted too that the Soviet's own production plans should have made the country self-sufficient in copper by the end of 1940.

Regarding oil drilling machinery and equipment, while actual amounts involved in exports from the U.S.A. to Russia and Germany of industrial equipment (machine drills, refining equipment and boring drills) may not appear considerable, it is nevertheless pointed out that their value to Russian output and indirectly to Russian ability to supply Germany is very great.

In the case of oil boring drills these can only be supplied by the U.S.A., since Germany is not in a position to produce high grade equipment which Russia needs in order to maintain or increase production of her oil fields.

All this industrial equipment is, in fact, raw material of Russian ability to produce and a few million dollars worth of such equipment may be of incalculable potential value in implementing Russian obligations to Germany under the German-Soviet pact.—British Wireless

V.C KILLED BY A SPARROW

The body of a sparrow in the furnace pipe of a colliery laboratory caused the death of Alfred Robert Wilkinson, forty-three, a V.C. of the last war.

This conclusion was reached by the coroner at the resumed inquest at Leigh, Lancs., where a verdict of Death by misadventure was returned.

Wilkinson, who was employed as a tester at Bickershaw Colliery, was found gassed in a laboratory.

Since the adjournment of the inquest, it was stated, a post-mortem examination of a sparrow, found in a pipe leading from a furnace, had revealed that the blood of the bird was 35 per cent saturated with carbon monoxide.

The doctor who made the post-mortem said he did not know the lethal dose of carbon monoxide for a sparrow.

NURSE DEAD IN FLAT WITH PARSON

AFTER POLICE had discovered a nurse dead on a bed in a Bournemouth flat soon after midnight, a man lying unconscious on the floor was identified as the Rev. Eric Sherrin Tarrant, of The Vicarage; Wool, Dorset.

Mrs. Tarrant went to Bournemouth later, and after making a statement to the police saw her husband in hospital. He had recovered consciousness.

The flat is in Richmond Hill Drive. The nurse, Elsie J. Widgery, was employed at a home for elderly people at Parkstone.

There was a smell of gas in the room. The supply, regulated by a slot meter, had run out.

Apparently Miss Widgery did not go on duty at night and inquiries resulted in a police visit to her flat. They saw through the windows that something was wrong.

Miss Widgery was a well-educated woman, aged about thirty-five. Her home was at South Molton, Devonshire, where her step-mother lives.

Before settling down in Dorset, Mr. Tarrant, who is aged fifty-one, had an adventurous career in the colony of St. Anthony, Newfoundland, where he was in

charge of a parish extending 120 miles.

Trains His Hobby

Model railways are his hobby. A year ago he was working on a locomotive which could draw ten passengers.

He often worked until after midnight on his lathe in the vicarage kitchen.

Mr. Tarrant, ordained in 1913, was appointed curate of St. James, Enfield Highway. He went to Newfoundland in 1915, returning in 1920 to become priest-in-charge of Bathgate Mission, Edinburgh.

After curacies at St. James Inverleith Road, Edinburgh, and St. Peter's Parkstone, he was appointed in 1929 perpetual curate of Wool with East Burton.

THE GREAT OAK STILL STANDS

One of Britain's most picturesque and historic forests is suffering, though indirectly, through Hitler's blitzkrieg.

German successes on the Continent have hit timber imports to Britain, and home production has had to be speeded up. That is why the Forest of Dean is now coming under the axe.

Top Speed

The Forestry Unit of the Royal Engineers, working in collaboration with the Forestry Commission, is engaged in the work of timber production in the Forest of Dean, which is in South-West England, between the rivers Severn and Wye.

Milling plant is working at top speed under Army direction, and fresh plants are soon to be established.

There is at least one tree in the forest which is safe from the woodmen, no matter how acute the timber shortage may be.

Historic Tree

That is the historic Great Oak of Newlands, which was mentioned in William the Conqueror's Doomsday Book. Since the tree was exceptionally big in those days, it is now probably about a thousand years old.

Naturally it is decaying now, but enough of it still stands for its great age to be appreciable.

BOMBED SISTER DIES

Eighty-five-year-old Sister Eliza Ding, a Sister of Mercy in an orphanage in a south coast town which was bombed, has died in hospital.

She was in bed in a dormitory on the first floor, and she and a colleague, Sister Catherine, were carried with the dormitory furniture and floor to the ground level when the bomb hit the building.

Sister Catherine is also in hospital, but was stated to be in a fair condition.

HUGE ARMoured CITADELS FOR THE NAVY

(By A Shipping Correspondent)

BRITAIN'S FIVE NEW BATTLESHIPS, WHEN IN SERVICE, WILL FORM THE FIRST COMPLETE SQUADRON OF NEW CAPITAL SHIPS TO JOIN THE ROYAL NAVY SINCE THE GREAT WAR.

Already the Navy has been reinforced by the first of the King George V. class, laid down in 1937. The King George V., Prince of Wales, Duke of York, Beatty and Jellicoe are the most formidable battleships ever built.

These 35,000-ton warships, costing £8,000,000 each, have bomb-proof plating and all the latest anti-aircraft devices.

Geared turbines, developing 130,000-horse power, will drive them through the water at a maximum designed speed of 30 knots. This is five knots faster than the speed of any existing British battleship.

Besides the main armament of 14in guns the new battleships will carry a secondary battery of 16 5.25in.

The 5.25in gun is a new weapon for the Royal Navy. It was first mounted in the cruisers of the Bonaventure class in 1939. It is the result of long experiments and tests and has proved itself capable of attaining a high rate of fire combined with tremendous hitting power and accuracy at long range.

I am informed that this new gun, on past performances, is considered far superior to any naval medium-calibre piece developed by any other nation.

Like A Puzzle

Over a third of the displacement of these capital ships is devoted to armour protection. This will enable them to receive terrific punishment without their fighting efficiency being impaired.

Naval experts have compared to me the general design of their interiors with a Chinese puzzle-box. That is, separate inner hulls are fitted into the outer shell.

Machinery, engine and boiler rooms and all other interior vulnerable spaces are contained in the innermost "box" and surrounded by thick armour belts. In this way vital parts are completely isolated from the effects of explosions which might break the outer hull or even shatter the first of the inner hulls.

In the event of a hit by a torpedo, mine or shell, damage will be localised and the crush of water confined to a small area of the hull.

Two thick belts of deck armour extending from side to side of the ships and covering all vulnerable compartments provide the maximum possible protection against plunging shell fire and aerial bombardment.

Even the bridges and gunnery control towers are enclosed in a heavily armoured citadel. And between the two funnels on each ship is a hangar to accommodate planes.

4-Gun Turret

In their armament King George V. and her sisters strike an entirely new note in British practice as the main battery of 10 14in. guns is mounted in two quadruple and one double turret.

The four-gun turret was first used in the French battleship Dunkerque. But whereas the Dunkerque mounts 13in. guns, the 14in. guns of these new British battleships will be the heaviest weapons yet mounted in quadruple turrets.

No torpedo tubes will be mounted, as naval opinion, I am told, inclines to the view that torpedo work is no longer within the province of the capital ship, which can attack more effectively with her guns.

Each of our new battleships will carry a crew of 1,500 officers and men. They were launched considerably more advanced in equipment than is customary. And when this happens the time of completion for sea is, of course, correspondingly shorter.

NEGRIN NOT ASKED TO LEAVE

DENIAL THAT DR. NEGRIN, SPANISH PREMIER IN THE LATE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT, HAD BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE THIS COUNTRY, WAS MADE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS BY MR. BUTLER, FOREIGN UNDER-SECRETARY.

Mr. Butler said the Government had no intention of departing from the established practice in the general treatment of those who sought refuge here, and no steps had been taken to oblige Dr. Negrin to leave.

It was of course, understood that Dr. Negrin should continue to refrain from all political activities.

"Was Dr. Negrin approached by members of the Government with a view to inducing him to leave this country?" asked Mr. Shinwell.

Mr. Butler: "No, I do not think Mr. Shinwell has listened to the answer I gave."

When the Minister agreed there had been contact between the Government and Dr. Negrin, Mr. Dobbie gave notice to raise the matter again.

GAD, SIR . . .

One man in a pink coat made a stand for tradition.

Belvoir Hunt met at Colston Bassett. Belvoir (pronounced "Beaver") is one of the most famous packs in the counties.

There were present the M.F.H., Lord Daresbury, and the two paid huntsmen, Lady Daresbury attended in a car. There were no mounted followers.

But the Belvoir met. Tradition was maintained.

FIVE BEHEADED IN BERLIN

Five traitors were beheaded in Berlin recently. They were all condemned for revealing secrets to foreign powers. — Associated Press.

GIRL IN DARK SAW MURDER

Sitting in the shadows behind the counter of a North London hotel, a girl was a mute witness of the murder of a friend and colleague.

As the strains of dance music from the crowded hotel lounge a few yards away mingled with the dull boom of V.A. guns, Gwendoline Cox, forty-two, the hotel off-licence manageress, fell dying behind the counter with a bullet from the revolver of a masked bandit in her chest.

And as the bandit stood, a smoking revolver in hand, the unseen witness of the tragedy ran into the lounge screaming. "Miss Cox has been shot!"

The band stopped playing, customers jumped to their feet, and the landlord vaulted the counter, ran into the off-licence, and found Miss Cox lying bleeding on the floor.

In her lap was a bottle which she had picked up to defend herself when the gunman with two other men crashed into the little room during the air raid.

Died In Man's Arms

Kneeling down, the landlord placed his thumb in the wound in the dying woman's chest in a vain attempt to stop the bleeding. His wife ran to the door and heard in the darkness the sound of a high-powered car being driven away. Gwendoline Cox never recovered consciousness. She died in the landlord's arms.

It was at nine o'clock at night that the door of the off-licence of the Alexandra Park Tavern, High Road, Wood Green, swung open. A man walked in and asked Miss Cox for a brand of cigarettes she did not stock.

Miss Cox's friend, Alice Higgins, was sitting in the shadows. A few seconds later three men entered. One of them had a black silk handkerchief over the lower part of his face and his overcoat collar turned up.

This man pointed a revolver at Miss Cox.

The story of what happened then has been told to the landlord by Miss Higgins.

"The man said, 'I want the money. Put your hands up,' the landlord told a reporter. "I should say so," Miss Cox said. Then she picked up a bottle to defend herself.

"At close range the man, who suddenly saw Miss Higgins jump to her feet, fired a bullet at Miss Cox. Miss Higgins was able to give the police good descriptions of the men.

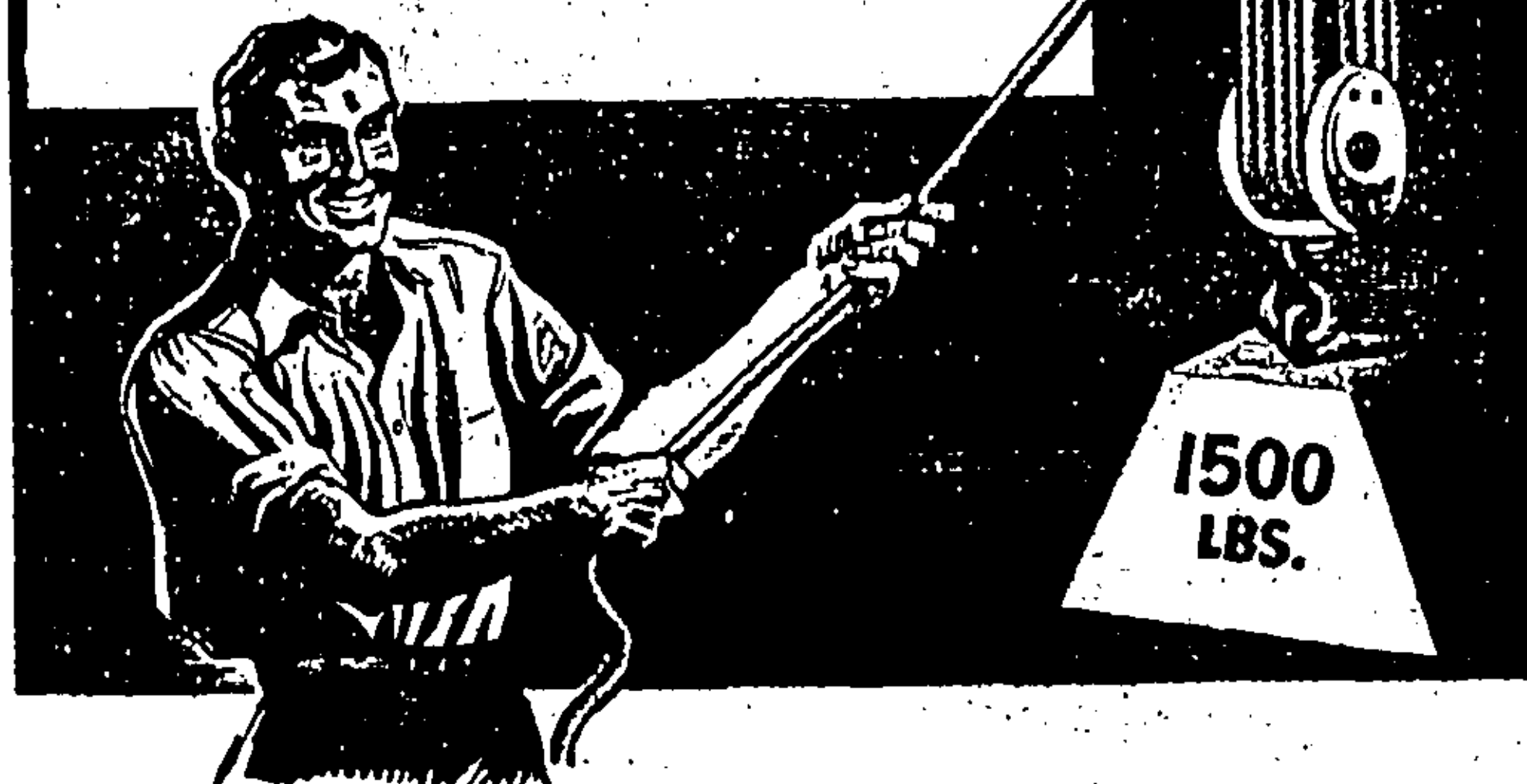
"Miss Cox's home was at Scarborough. She was not afraid of anything, even air raids."

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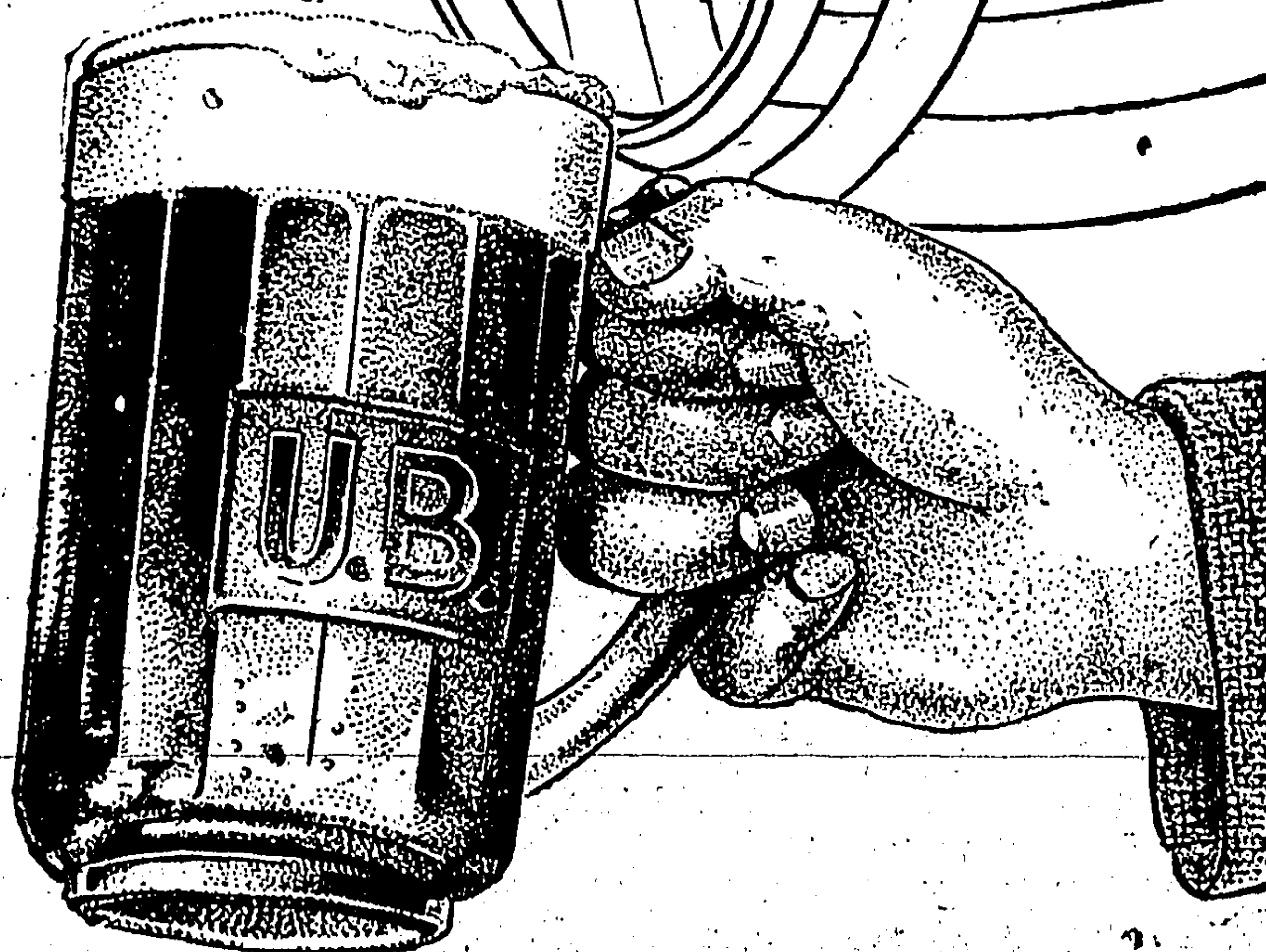
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BRIDGE NOTES

BIDING HIS TIME
By The Four Aces

West gained a trick by refusing to overruff in to-day's hand:

East, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ 9 5 2
♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ J
♣ K J 10 6 3

♠ A 10
♥ 10 9 8
♦ A 7 6 5 4
♣ Q 7 4

♠ K J 8 7
♥ 4 3
♦ A K Q
♣ 9 6 2

♠ Q 6
♥ J 5 3
♦ K Q 10 9 3 2
♣ A 8

The bidding:
East South West North
1♠ 2♥ Dbl. Pass
Pass Pass

West opened the Ace of spades and continued with the ten. East taking the spade King. East continued with the Jack of spades, and South cautiously discarded a heart instead of ruffing. West also discarded a heart, and East then laid down three top hearts.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACE SYSTEM

ACE ... 3
KING ... 2
QUEEN ... 1
JACK ... 1/2

TOTAL VALUE OF FOUR ACE SYSTEM ... 6 1/2

On the third round of hearts, South played the nine of trumps, and West discarded a low club instead of overruffing. He knew it could cost him nothing to bid his time, and that it would probably gain him a trick. Regardless of which player had the Ace of clubs (and West could be pretty sure that South had it) the Queen of clubs had no trick-taking power and could be unguarded without risk. The effect of the trick, therefore, was to weaken South's trump holding while leaving West's trumps intact.

After winning the heart ruff, South led the deuce of trumps to dummy's Jack, and West played low in the hope that East had the singleton King or Queen. Dummy then cashed the club King and South regained the lead with the club Ace to lead the King of diamonds. West won with the diamond Ace and returned a trump, later winning another trump trick. Note, however, that West would have won only one trump trick if he had overruffed on the third round of hearts; for then his four remaining trumps could have been drawn by South's four honours.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 8 3
♥ A
♦ J 9 7 6 4
♣ Q 9 8 3

The bidding:
You Schenken Jacoby Maier
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 2NT Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Bid three spades. This is not a sign-off or a show of weakness, but is a forward-looking bid which offers a choice of game contracts to a partner who has already shown a strong hand. You are not sure whether spades or no-trump offers the best play for game; hence you give your partner the choice.

Score 100% for three spades; 60% for the three no-trump; 40% for three clubs.

Question No. 626

To-day you are Merwin D. Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 5 3 2
♥ Q J 6 4
♦ 7
♣ K 6 5 3

The bidding:
Schenken Maier Jacoby You
1♥ 2♦ Dbl. (?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Clothes may not make the man but they certainly do a lot to back up what he's got.

GIRL STABBER MOON MANIAC?

A young man in black, wheeling a black bicycle and shuffling along as though in heavy boots, is believed to have been afflicted by "moon madness" when he stabbed two young girls under a full moon in the South Mead area of Bristol.

Police are searching the district and fathers, brothers and sweethearts are escorting their women-folk in the black-out to guard them against further attacks.

The two girls who were stabbed are Olive Cumberpatch, twenty, of Tertworth Road, and Gwendoline Pinsent, sixteen, of Fonthill Road.

Curious Shuffle

Miss Pinsent, who works at a local laundry, said: "I noticed a short, stocky young man loitering in the road. He kept passing me, then dropping back."

"He had heavy boots on and walked with a curious shuffle. His cap was over his face."

"There was a big yellow and orange full moon coming up at the time so I could see him plainly, though I never got a glimpse of his face."

"Suddenly he put his bike against a tree and the next moment I felt a blow on my shoulder. I realised blood was pouring down by back and shouted for help."

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ILLEGAL SNAPS: GAOLED

A man who is the son of a German doctor and is second in command of the local Home Guard was sent to prison for three months, fined £30, and ordered to pay £2 15s. costs by Arundel County Bench, on two charges of photographing British aircraft and one charge of photographing a radio station.

The man, William Treutler

Holmes, thirty-seven, at first pleaded not guilty, but later amended his plea to one of guilty.

Superintendent F. C. Peel said Holmes had been engaged at a naval air station, where he took the photographs.

Thomas Spencer, a fitter at the aerodrome, said he noticed Holmes with the bottom button of his coat fastened, while the two above it were open. He was standing against a wire fence and put his hand into his coat and bent over. On the other side of the fence was a British aircraft of new design. Other witnesses corroborated.

Harold Henry Sinclair, of Arundel, said Holmes was in his employ at an aerodrome. Witness was in command of the Home Guard in the borough, and Holmes was his deputy. Holmes used to lecture to the N.C.O.s on aircraft.

On Holmes's behalf it was stated that he took the photographs in question for the purpose of lectures.

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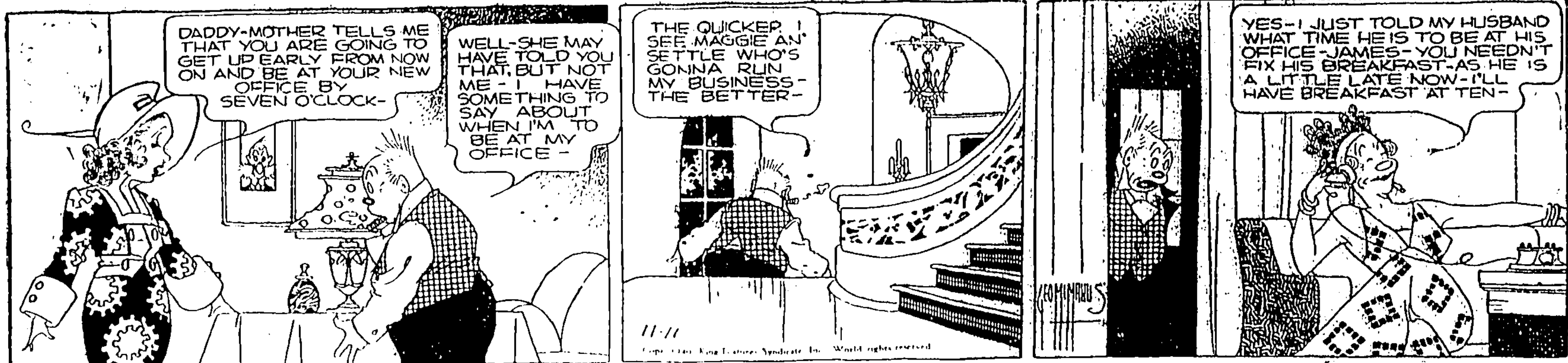
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Scalp Treatment

The treatment of dandruff properly falls to the physician, but unfortunately little research has been done on dandruff by the medical profession. So naturally the so-called "scalp specialists" have been forced to offer corrective treatments to the best of their knowledge.

One theory advanced is that gentle handling of the hair is necessary when dandruff is present. To quote Henley on the subject, "Dandruff scales should be removed only when entirely detached from the scalp. These scales result from an irritation which is increased by forcible removal, and hence endeavours to clean the hair from them by combing or brushing it, in such a way as to scrape the scalp, are liable to be worse than useless."

Suggested Treatment

If ordinary tonics and weekly shampoos with tincture of green soap have not corrected a dandruff condition, more potent treatment is indicated.

Women who have dyed or tinted hair should strip the hair of all colour before beginning a dandruff treatment for the lotions used are quite likely to change the artificial colour to a startling hue!

Henley proceeds, in his article on dandruff, to suggest the use of a sulphur lotion made by placing a little sublimed sulphur in water, shaking well, and then allowing to settle. The head is washed in the clear liquid every morning.

"Sulphur is said to be insoluble in water," he states, "yet a sulphur water made as above indicated has long been in use as a hair wash. A little glycerine improves the preparation, preventing the hair from becoming harsh by repeated washings."

Begin Treatment Immediately

If you are aware of a dandruff condition you should begin corrective treatment at once. Per-



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haps an able scalp specialist is in your city. If so your problem is simplified by putting your head in his hands if you can afford treatments. Otherwise you should intelligently care for your scalp at home.

Begin with having physical examination to make certain that no element is robbing your scalp of sufficient nourishment, and then check on the scalp aids you

have been using. Put them aside while you treat your scalp with the mentioned sulphur lotion and shampoo it with a Pine-Tar Shampoo which your druggist can mix for you.

Be sure that your combs and brushes are sterilised each day while you are treating your scalp. After washing them with soapy warm water, rinse them in a solution of clear water and a germicide. Dry thoroughly in the sun afterward. Also clean your hat bands with a cleansing fluid at least twice a week and do not try on hats in a shop during the treatment. Although it has never been isolated, some physicians believe that dandruff is caused by a parasite which can be passed from one to another.

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(1) Meadow Pottage. Two pounds of potatoes, 1lb spinach, one meat extract cube, stale bread, fat.

Peel the potatoes and cut them into chunks. Cover them with water, add a little fat, salt and the meat extract cube. Cook until mashy.

Wash the spinach and chop it. Add it to the potatoes and cook for another four minutes. Season with a little nutmeg. If you like it.

Fry or toast stale bread. Place the bread into deep plates and pour the hot potato-spinach mixture over it.

Serve at once to prevent the bread from getting too soaked.

(2) Pudding Pottage.

Chop mixed vegetables (any kind). Just cover with water and start cooking, seasoned with salt and pepper.

Make a suet pastry, roll out into thick disc. Place a ball of sausage-meat in the centre, gather the pastry around it, close the

edges at the top.

Fold a clean cloth over it, tie the top ends together. Put this into the vegetables and cook until done.

Move the pudding once in a while to prevent burning.

Cook very gently. When done, remove the cloth, place the pudding in a tureen or deep dish, and pour the vegetables with their stock over it.

(3) Fish Pottage.

Fish bones, carrots, leek, celery mixed herbs, suet pastry.

Cover the fish bones with water and start cooking.

Cut carrots lengthwise into halves or quarters, cut leek and celery into inch-long pieces and add to the fish stock.

Cook until vegetables are done about fifteen-twenty minutes. Strain, keeping the stock.

Separate the vegetables from the fish bones and add the vegetables to the stock. Season with salt, pepper and add a little mixed herbs.

Make an ordinary suet pastry, shape small balls with it, turn in flour, and cook in the fish stock until done. Serve in deep plates.

(4) Guardian's Pottage.

Split peas, carrots, parsnips, fine oatmeal, flour and suet.

Soak ½ pint of split peas in 1½ pints of water overnight.

Next day bring to the boil in the water in which they have soaked. Add sliced carrots and parsnips.

Cook gently until mashed

(about forty-five minutes).

Rub 6oz. suet into a mixture of 4oz. flour and 8oz. very fine oatmeal, add enough water to make a firm pastry, salt to taste.

Shape small balls, turn them in flour and cook in the peas until done. Serve in deep plates.

(5) Polish Pottage.

Five level tablespoons barley, 1½ pints water, a little fat, ½ pint of milk, one large or two small cooked beetroots, vinegar, sugar.

Bring barley, water and fat very slowly to the boil, add salt to taste. Cook for ten-fifteen minutes. Cover tightly with a lid and leave for at least one hour.

If necessary, cook once more until barley is done (it takes less cooking time this way).

Add milk and the chopped cooked beetroot, taste for a little vinegar and sugar. Heat once more quickly and serve at once in deep plates.

(6) Bean Pottage.

Soak ½ pint of butterbeans in one quart of water overnight.

Next day, bring slowly to the boil with bacon rinds or odd bits of bacon, a few pieces of leeks and a chopped tomato.

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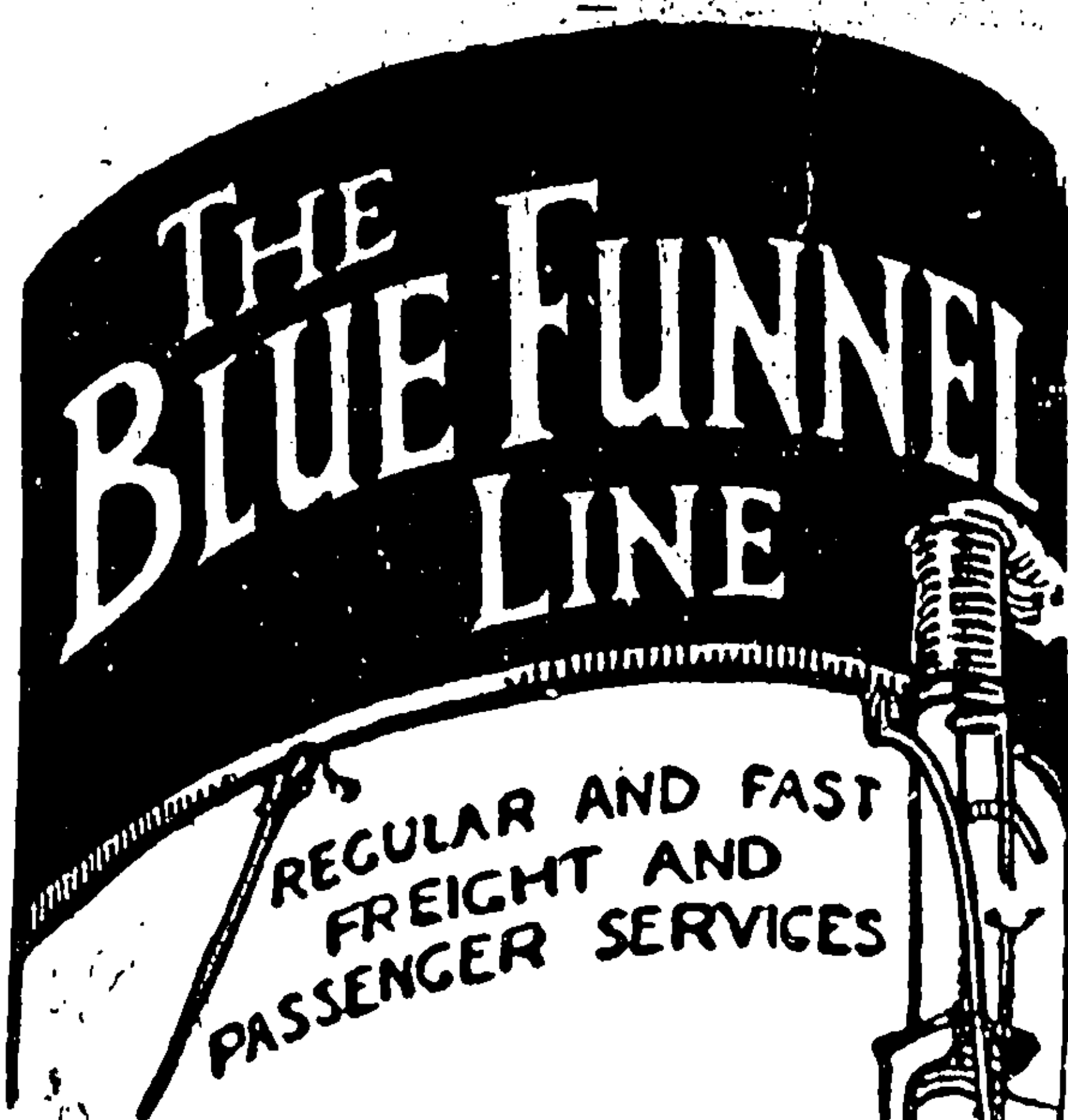
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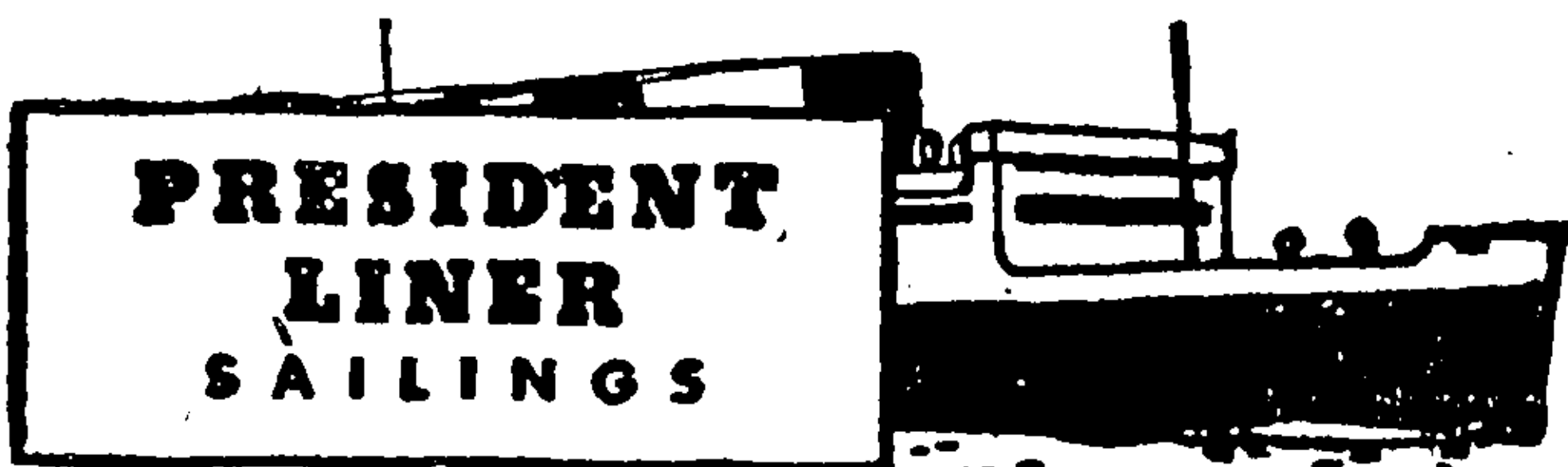
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra and Essie Ackland (Contralto).

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Alfred Cortot at the Piano.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Raymond Newell (Baritone) in a Light Orchestral Concert.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Variety.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

VICAR HAD TEN LITTLE EVACUEES---

The seventy-year-old bachelor vicar of a Yorkshire village, who, as part of his war effort, willingly had ten evacuee children billeted on him, has written to the Minister of Health protesting that the local council has taken some of the children away from him.

Vicar of Laithkirk, near Barnard Castle, the Rev. J. W. Brent, had kept only a bedroom and study of his big old vicarage for his own use. The other six rooms and the fine garden had become a children's paradise.

All the youngsters, aged between five and seven, had the time of their lives. The vicar took them to the pictures, piled them in his car for country jaunts, and gave them the run of his garden.

But to look after all of them himself was obviously impossible, so he found two voluntary helpers who worked hard all day.

Taken Home

Imagine his astonishment at the action of the Startforth Rural District Council after he had tentatively asked whether the Government paid billeting allowances for these helpers.

In official language he learned that "the committee recommended that the children billeted on him should be removed to other billets."

There were by this time only five children. The parents of the other five appreciated all that the vicar had done, but they decided that they missed their children too much, and had taken them home.

"I have been vicar here for twenty-five years," Mr. Brent told a reporter.

"I am a bachelor, and do my own cooking. Some months ago I received a circular asking if I would be willing to take evacuee children. I replied that I would, and approached two voluntary helpers who were willing to come and do their best."

Shortly after the children arrived the vicar wrote to the District Council asking about the billeting allowances for his helpers.

Then he saw a report of the Council meeting in which it was stated that the committee recommended that the children be removed to other billets.

Boys in Tears

"There were three boys and two girls at the vicarage then," the vicar said. They were to have been removed but only three have gone.

"The other two, both boys, are still here, but their billeting allowances have been cancelled. Their mothers were present when the billeting officers came and refused to allow them to be re-billeted. The boys were in tears at the prospect."

"My helpers and I have done all we can to make the children happy," Mr. Brent added. "I have taken the children into the country in my car. On Saturdays I used to make two journeys to the picture theatre, and on wet mornings I have taken the children to school in the car."

TRAPPED—SAVED BY A DOG

The frantic barking of a dog beneath the wreckage saved the life of a man trapped under tons of debris in a bombed London basement.

It was not thought possible that there could be any more survivors and the rescue work had been given up for hours.

Then the rescue squad heard the dog. They dug down and tunnelled towards the sound.

At last they came upon the animal—Mina, a black retriever bitch—and behind her, pinned down by a heavy beam across his legs, was a man—Mr. Charles Paynter.

But the rescue problem was not yet solved.

Mina, injured and frightened, would not let the workers pass her to reach the man.

They could not drag her out, since her hindquarters were imprisoned. Eventually, a veterinary surgeon was called and gave her a morphia injection. With a motor-car jack the dog was released, and work was started to free Mr. Paynter, who was lying in bed unable to move.

Asked About The Dog

After his head and shoulders had been uncovered, he smiled, refused a cup of tea and cigarette, and asked if the dog was all right.

"I can stick it a bit longer," he said, "but that dog must be in a hell of a state."

A derrick of scaffold poles was erected to ease the man from his prison. As a doctor and A.R.P. men worked to free him from the beam which was cutting through his legs, he talked cheerfully.

"His pluck was beyond imagination," said one worker. "I've never known such a plucked 'un. He told me, 'I'm all right because I'm still in bed.' But that beam was cutting through his legs. The pain must have been terrible."

Paynter was released after seven hours.

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FANLING GOLF OVER HOLIDAYS

The following were the results in the first and second rounds in the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Captain's Cup Competition (1940):

First Round:—S. L. Lloyd (10) beat A. J. Dennis (10) five and four; K. S. Robertson (6) beat G. Thomerson (20) three and two; A. B. Purves (10) beat H. A. Mills (17) three and two.

Second Round:—T. Megarry received a walk-over from M. L. Reidy, who scratched; W. S. Hillier (10) beat A. W. Brown (9) two and one; T. Low (12) beat W. W. C. Shewan (8) six and four; J. Linaker (15) beat S. L. Lloyd four and two; A. B. Purves beat K. S. Robertson three and two; F. A. Howard (17) beat J. W. Clague (16) four and three; H. Overy (18) beat A. H. McBride (12) four and three; G. M. Park (7) beat F. C. Young (14) seven and six.

Stubbs Shield

The following were the results in the second and third rounds of the Stubbs Shield Competition:

Second Round:—H.K.S.R.A. beat Gilman and Co. on a walk-over; Army Audit Staff beat 12th Heavy Regt. R.A.; Public Works Dept. beat Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank four and three; Education Dept. beat R.A.O.C. on a walk-over; 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. beat Dairy Farm Co. four and two; A.R.P. Wardens beat John D. Hutchison and Co. six and four; Butterfield and Swires beat Post Office Dept. five and four; Dodwell and Co. beat Government Medical Dept. three and two.

Third Round:—H.K.S.R.A. beat Army Audit Staff; Public Works Dept. beat Education Dept. six and four; 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. beat A.R.P. Wardens five and three; Butterfield and Swires beat Dodwell and Co., three and two.

New Year Meeting

The Bogey Par Pool-over the New Course, Fanling, during the Chinese New Year meeting attracted 30 entries and was won by D. S. Edward (5) who was three up. The Bogey Par Pool over the Old Course attracted 22 entries and was won by D. S. Robb (7) who was two down. The Medal round over the Old Course was won by S. L. Lloyd with a card of 80-9-71. There were 23 entries.

The Mixed Competition at Fanling and the Happy Valley (Bogey Par) were cancelled.

PIONEERS' WAY WITH DEBRIS

Skill in Salvage Work

(By A London Correspondent)

In a tour of certain bombed areas of South London I watched some of the 6,000 members of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps sent to London to help in clearance work.

They have systematised the job. First they get rid of the general debris, using the rubble to fill up the craters and basements and extricate bricks, timber and metals.

What is usable of this salvage is sorted out, the bricks, timber and metals being stacked in three heaps. These materials are afterwards taken away in lorries to Ministry of Supply dumps.

I visited a number of jobs and saw the work of the Pioneers in several stages. In the final stage, the completely cleared site, with all the salvaged materials removed, was ready, when the time comes, for rebuilding.

The men appeared to be in fine fettle. One of their officers told me that about 25 per cent. of them were either bricklayers or builders' labourers in civil life. The rest are mostly classified as Category B. The officer assured me that the open-air life and the physical work had done wonders for those of the latter class.

On one of the sites I found a clergyman's wife and her young daughters, Ariel and Marguerita, who wore tin hats. Twice a day they arrive with kettles, teapots, cups, saucers, sandwiches and biscuits, all carried in the girls' toy perambulators.

"I provide 100 or more cups of tea a day, as well as the food," the mother told me.

The Pioneers work an eight-hour day, six days a week. They are a cheerful lot of men, full of sympathy for the people who have lost belongings.

TOUGH GUY, 13, HERO OF RAID RESCUE

Dashing about shattered streets while bombs and shrapnel fell around him, a thirteen-year-old boy helped to save several lives in a wrecked house in Central London.

Bill Binggeli, son of a Swiss-born scrap metal merchant, was the hero of the district.

Neighbours called to congratulate him, and the firemen paid tribute to his coolness in face of great danger.

Wearing a Belgian soldier's helmet, a souvenir of the last war, Bill ran with messages and helped to pull debris away from those who had been trapped in the bombed house.

Often he was told to take shelter, but he refused.

His Reward

A neighbour who had seen his gallant work offered him half a crown to buy some sweets.

Bill shook his head. "I don't save lives for money," he said. "I only did what any bloke would do."

A.R.P. workers whom Bill helped in their duties asked him his name during a lull in the bombardment. "Never mind about my name," said Bill. After he had helped to bring out a young married couple—the woman was unconscious—Bill was offered a cup of tea. "There are others that need it. Give it to them," said Bill.

Always A Plucky Kid

"He always has been a plucky kid," said Bill's mother. "He's a tough guy."

"He loves weight lifting and swimming."

"He refuses to go under shelter when the sirens go. He just dashes round to the voluntary fire station we've formed here. He's their mascot."

"One night he helped to marshal people from a bombed building into the public shelters. He's a little chap and looked funny shepherding the grown-ups, but he did the job."

"He came in this morning with a face black as the ace of spades, but wouldn't talk much about his deeds."

GEORGE MEDAL FOR NURSE

Rescue Work in Bombed Asylum

Miss Violet Eleanor Reid, a junior nurse, has been awarded the George Medal for great devotion to duty when an asylum was bombed. In spite of her own wounds, she attended with great coolness to the mental patients and an injured colleague.

Describing her action, the London Gazette says that when five high-explosive bombs were dropped in the grounds one hit the edge of the roof of the kitchen of a block in which 82 female mental patients were housed.

Part of the kitchen was demolished, steam and hot water escaped and the lights failed.

Four patients were cut by flying glass, but Nurse Reid and a colleague were more seriously injured.

Refused Help Herself

In spite of wounds, loss of blood and deafness caused by the explosion Nurse Reid, unaided, carried the other nurse upstairs and attended to her until a doctor arrived. She refused help for herself until all the patients were cared for.

By her cool and cheerful conduct she prevented the confusion among the patients from developing into what might have become a panic.

The name of another woman, Miss Daisy Violet Thompson, of the Works Restaurant, Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd., also appeared in the London Gazette among the commendations for "gallantry or good service in Civil Defence."

MET OVER BLACK-OUT

Police-Constable John Charles Vaughan went to a London hostel to complain about its black-out.

He met a baronet's daughter. They fell in love.

Now Police-Constable Vaughan of the Metropolitan Police, is engaged to Miss Jean Orr-Ewing, only daughter of Brigadier-General Sir Norman Orr-Ewing, Bart., D.S.O., and Lady Orr-Ewing, of Cardross, Port of Menteith, Stirlingshire. He is twenty-three. She is twenty-two. They met in February.

Miss Orr-Ewing is staying with her fiancé's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Vaughan, at their home in Shirley Road, Roath Park, Cardiff.

She told a reporter:—"My romance started in a rather prosaic way. I met Jack when I was at a hostel in London."

"He came there in connection with the black-out."

"We got talking and saw each other frequently afterwards. Soon we fell in love."

At Y.M.C.A. Canteen

Asked if her parents approved of the engagement, she said "They have asked me to wait a bit, but I expect to be married next year."

Miss Orr-Ewing, who is interested in social work, was working at a Y.M.C.A. canteen at Charing Cross until recently.

Police-Constable Vaughan said: "We fell in love at once, and for eight months we met every day."

"I was a bit worried about meeting Sir Norman, but we got on quite well together. I found him charming."

"When we marry next year I hope to be able to bring my bride back to London to live with me."

Police-Constable Vaughan went to an elementary school in Cardiff, and won a scholarship to the local high school. His father, now retired, was a railway traffic inspector.

Brigadier-General Sir Norman Orr-Ewing commanded the 45th Infantry Brigade in France in the last war.

TIPPED PEER TEN BOB

Lord Langford, pressed into service as a witness for a wedding at Caxton Hall Register Office, was given 10s. as a tip by the grateful bridegroom, a soldier.

Lord Langford happened to be in the office in connection with another matter when the soldier and his bride arrived.

They had only one witness with them, and, as a second had to be found in a hurry the registrar asked Lord Langford—not knowing who he was—to oblige.

Once A Labourer

When Lord Langford signed his name, the registrar realised his identity, but the soldier did not, and pressed a 10s. note into his hand.

Before Lord Langford succeeded to his title in 1931, there were times when he would have been glad of an unexpected 10s.

He was working as a labourer in Australia, and his wife was a London waitress when the death of his uncle made him a peer.

He had to work his passage home.

70-YEAR-OLD BAND PACKS UP

The famous village brass band of Bulkington, Warwickshire, founded nearly seventy years ago, has had to "Pack-up" until the end of the war because most of its members have either joined the Forces or are engaged on munitions.

Eleven members of the same

HIS HOME FIRED, PUT DUTY FIRST

From a village in the Midlands comes this story of an A.F.S. volunteer who put his duty before the safety of his wife and family struggling in their thatched cottage set ablaze by an incendiary bomb.

At the time he was tackling bombs at a farm some distance away.

With an Englishman's characteristic spirit and undaunted courage, he completed the job in hand before returning to his own home-stead.

His wife had just begun to dress her little child when an incendiary fell through the roof of the bedroom on to the floor only a couple of yards away.

Children Unhurt

While the hero of the drama worked on at his job, colleagues stirred by his devotion to duty attacked the fire with such vim that less than half the roof was destroyed, and the thatched cottages on either side were undamaged.

There were three children in the house, including an evacuee, but no one was hurt. Next day their spirits were as high as the Union Jack which the A.F.S. had set fluttering over the roof.

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By "Adrem"

A GOOD DEAL has already been said and written about the Senior League cricket match on Saturday between University and Kowloon Cricket Club, in which the senior champions were held to a draw, and I see no point in pursuing a subject which I feel sure must be becoming tiresome to cricketers not directly concerned with the match.

COLONY OPEN JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT

With one day to go before entries are declared closed, the number of players entered for the Colony Open Junior Chess Championship by yesterday evening numbered 13.

It is expected that at least 16 players will participate and anywhere up to a half-dozen entries may be looked forward to to-day.

Entries may be posted to-day to the Hon. Secretary of the Colony Chess Championship Committee, Mr. A. Kurrik, care of the Government Analysts Department, and will be accepted even should they not reach their destination until the morning mail distribution. However, such entries will have to be postmarked Jan. 30.

Owing to the large number of entries already received, the Tournament will be a one-round affair with allotment of white and black to players covered by the draw in conjunction with the time-table. One game a week will be played, and the Kowloon Chess Club will place their room at the Peninsula Hotel at the disposal of competitors on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5.30 p.m.

Players already entered for the Tournament are J. H. Almeida, R. C. Danenberg, D. Drake, R. C. Gardner, J. Grefalda, V. V. Kolatchoff, Wm. Lee, A. Morton, E. Petrove, A. C. Poupard, J. Tausz, To Yu-lau and Un Kwai-yung.

LAWN BOWLS MATCH ON SUNDAY

Following are the teams for the friendly lawn bowls match between Kowloon Cricket Club and the Volunteer Sergeants Mess. The game takes place on Sunday commencing at 2.45 p.m.:

RINK NO. 1	
K.C.C.	Sergeants
R. S. Capell	C. S. M. Baskett
S. A. Gray	C. Q. M. S. Spary
R. Wellwood	Sgt. Carr
J. Fraser	Sgt. Rakusen
(Skip)	(Skip)
RINK NO. 2	
(Skip)	(Skip)
R. T. Brown	Sgt. Zimmern
E. Abraham	Sgt. Baptista
A. W. Smith	Sgt. Stoven
V. C. Labram	Sgt. Sherriff
(Skip)	(Skip)
RINK NO. 3	
(Skip)	(Skip)
A. E. P. Gudst	Sgt. Geall
A. H. Martin	P/Major Mackie
F. A. Fabel	Sgt. Lockhart
W. W. Parsons	C.Q.M.S. Fincher
(Skip)	(Skip)
RINK NO. 4	
F. A. Broadbridge	Sgt. Remedios
A. N. Oher	B. S. M. Rose
N. A. E. Mackay	Sgt. Hydo
T. A. Madar	Sgt. Meyer
(Skip)	(Skip)
RINK NO. 5	
D. Glover	Sgt. Skinner
R. T. Burch	C.Q.M.S. Butler
E. C. Curtia	B. S. M. Walker
G. E. Taylor	C.Q.M.S. Silva
(Skip)	(Skip)



HIGH SCORES IN FRIENDLY ENCOUNTERS

By "Adrem"

Three friendly cricket matches were played on Saturday and although scoring in some cases was high, there was little interest owing to the fact that such batsmen who did come off, were not up against very much in the way of bowling.

H.K.C.C. "A", opposed by only seven Policemen, did virtually as they liked with the bat. Both Pope and Lewis, the only real bowlers in the Police team, were away and it was left to Carey to bear the brunt of the attack. He did his best and took 3 for 66 in 14 overs but Parsons, Broker, Bishop and Owen Hughes all ran up big scores and Club declared at 193 for 3.

Carey was again in the picture when Police batted and if it had not been for his gallant innings of 41, scored out of the 77, which the seven players managed to aggregate, it is possible that Police would not have scored 30.

At Central British School the cricket was never very clever, Pay Corps being skittled out for 45—Gillespie 4 for 17 and R.A.F. scoring 114 for 7 to win by eight wickets. Smart bowled successfully for the Pay Blokes to take 3 for 19.

A strong Army second eleven had an afternoon out against Craigengower, who were sadly depleted owing to the calls of the first team. Ratcliffe, who is an excellent Second Division batsman, hit breezily for 88, Webb and Logan, the Senior players, had some practice, and Aisey of the Royals also helped himself to a few. Result was a declaration at 182 with only three wickets down.

For Craigengower Esmail and Stanley Leonard made a few but for the most part the innings was just a procession, Army winning comfortably by 70 runs.

C.C.C. JUNIOR ELEVEN

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a Second Division League cricket match on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m., on the home ground:—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. H. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

ARMY RUGBY

COMBINED SMALL UNITS XV DEFEATED BY THE R.A.

PLAYING AGAINST the Royal Artillery, in the Army Large Units Rugby League, at Sookunpoo yesterday, Combined Small Units took a considerable time to settle down to the game, with the result that they were six points (two tries) in arrears when the half-time whistle went, and lost 5-9.

Lack of understanding, and absence of team work, was largely responsible for their losing the game.

The second half was more exciting. Neither side was able to score until about 10 minutes before the end when the R.A. increased their lead by another try.

Within three minutes of the end, Small Units reduced the deficit by a goal. The score, when the final whistle went, was 9 points, (3 tries) to 5 (one goal) in favour of the Royal Artillery.

The teams were:—
ROYAL ARTILLERY: — Fair-

clough; Marsh, Skipworth, Keeble, Richards; Dawson, Hook; Dumpers, Eddison, Hicks, Page, Heath, Turner, McDermitt and Cooke.
SMALL UNITS: — Hamlin; Allen, Pollock, Lithauer, McDonald; Coombes, Scriven; Mohan, Gash, Manfield, Crew Stockham, Beeton-Stedman, Chandler, and McPherson.

Royal Scots Win

In another match, in the same League and played at Sookunpoo, Royal Scots beat Middlesex by 31-3 in a very one-sided game.

KOWLOON'S TITLE PROSPECTS IMPROVE

By "Adrem"

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB improved their Junior Championship prospects on Saturday when they beat the hitherto unbeaten Recreio team by six wickets.

Recreio's earlier batsmen found little difficulty in scoring runs against Kowloon's opening attack and over 70 runs were on the board with only four wickets down—a nice beginning having regard to the difficulty of scoring boundaries on the King's Park ground.

When Kowloon's spin bowler were put on, however, a remarkable collapse ensued and the remaining six wickets could only muster a further seven runs, the innings closing for 80.

Cause of the damage were Taylor and Baldwin, who, between them took six wickets for nineteen runs.

I have consistently maintained that Baldwin should be tried out for the first team and I still contend that he is better than Junior Division standard.

The K.C.C. senior team have only four bowlers and if they are collared there is little more to be done. In addition to being a good spin bowler, Baldwin is an excellent field, being a remarkably safe catch while, although his batting is unlikely to be needed, he can hit very hard on occasion and is just the type of man to hit a good bowler off his length.

M. A. Remedios and F. J. Remedios were the only Recreio batsmen to meet with any success both being in the twenties, and the next highest score was Silva's nine.

Silva, who has been the most successful junior cricketer of the season, had a very lean match as he only took one wicket, and that at a cost of 23 runs.

Set with only 81 to get to win—not altogether a simple problem on the Recreio ground, Kowloon's batsmen rose to the occasion in grand style. Baxter and Rapley put on 42 for the first wicket and succeeding batsmen all got a few, the runs being knocked off with something to spare.

Batsmen's Match

Bowlers had a sorry time of it at Pokfulam, where Civil Service drew with University. Only eight wickets fell in the course of the afternoon, one being the result of a run out.

Feature of the match was a fine partnership between the veteran John Barrow and young Stone, which realised 117 runs in 70 minutes. Whereas Barrow was rather restrained, Stone hit with the vigour of youth and scored his runs at well over a run a minute. His best scoring shots were 15 boundaries.

Set to score 150 to win, University were never in any difficulty thanks to the fine form of Kenneth Lo, although it must also be said that they never looked like forcing a win. Lo batted right through the innings for 53 and, although none of the other batsmen reached double-figures, they all stayed for a bit.

K.C.C. CRICKET SELECTION

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club in League cricket matches on Saturday:—

First XI (v I.R.C., Home) — E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, D. Hung, A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, R. E. Lee, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge, E. F. Fincher and N. A. E. Mackay. Scorer — T. W. Carr; Umpire J. R. Robinson.

Second XI (v P.R.C., Away) — S. A. Gray, R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, F. Goodwin, H. Brokenshire, G. E. Taylor, L. R. Burch, R. J. Fenton and W. L. Rapley. Twelfth Man — W. W. Parsons; Scorer J. W. Bertram; Umpire R. Leigh.

SENIOR MATCH POSTPONED

The First Division League match against the University on Saturday has been postponed.

A.R.P. SPORTS MEETING

The Upper Levels Division, District "A" Wardens' Society will hold their first annual athletic sports on the South China A.A. ground at Caroline Hill on Sunday, starting at 9 a.m.

Following is the programme:
100 metres, Senior, championship (men); Long Jump, Junior, championship (men); 100 metres, Senior, championship (ladies); 100 metres, Junior, championship (ladies); 100 metres, Junior, championship (men); Long Jump, Senior, championship (men); 50 metres, Senior, championship (ladies); 50 metres, Junior, championship (ladies); 400 metres, Senior, championship (men); 400 metres, Junior, championship (ladies); 400 metres, Senior, championship (ladies); Long Jump, Junior, championship (ladies); 200 metres, Senior, championship (men); 200 metres, Junior, championship (ladies); 200 metres, Junior, championship (ladies); High Jump, Senior, championship (men); 800 metres, Junior, championship (men); 400 metres, Senior, championship (ladies); High Jump, Junior, championship (ladies); 800 metres, Senior, championship (men); High Jump, Junior, championship (men); 400 metres Inter-Districts Relay Race (men); 400 metres Inter-Districts Relay Race (ladies); 1,500 metres, Open to all Men Wardens of U.L. "A"; High Jump, Senior, championship (ladies); 100 metres, Respiration Race, Open to Men Wardens; 100 metres, Respiration Race, Open to Lady Wardens; 50 metres, Officers' Race, Handicap, Post Entries, (Handicap: 15 metre for each year).
Presentation of Prizes will be made by The Director of Air Raid Precautions Wing Comdr. A. H. S. Steele-Parkins, G.B.E.

The Middlesex were outplayed in every department of the game.

Army Quadrangular XV

The following will represent Army against Police in the last Quadrangular Rugby Tournament fixture of the season, on the Police ground on Saturday at 4.15 p.m.:

L/Cpl. Picton (R.E.); Bdr. Richards (R.A.); Capt. Hook (R.A.); Capt. Douglass (Royal Scots) and Pte. Macdonald (R.A.M.C.); Lieut. Coombes (R.A.M.C.) and 2/Lieut. Wedderburn (R.A.); Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots); 2/Lieut. Bpmpps (R.A.); 2/Lieut. Heath (R.A.); 2/Lieut. Millar (Royal Scots); 2/Lieut. Pinkerton (Royal Scots); Capt. Duke (Royal Scots) and Sgt. Gilling (Middlesex).

Reserves:—L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.), Pte. Berry (Middlesex), 2/Lieut. Eddison (R.A.), Capt. Bartley (R.A.M.C.) and L/Sgt. Marsh (R.A.).

V.R.C. Beat Chung Hwa In Needle Junior Match

Now At Head Of The Table

Maxwell's Fine Fielding

By "Grandstand"

CHUNG HWA SUFFERED their first League Softball defeat of the season on Sunday when they were downed by the V.R.C. 6-3 in a close game, featured by sparkling fielding on both sides.

By virtue of their win, the Victorians are now on an equal footing with the League-leading Chung Hwas, and it appears to this corner that a play-off for the Limjap trophy is indicated in the near future.

Sonny "Jock" Brown, hurled a steady game for the victors, and only walked one, whilst Jay Liu for the losers, started off by fanning three Vics in the first two frames. He soon weakened, however, and allowed five blows, four of which were bunched up in the fifth to count for as many runs.

After waiting out a three-and-two count, V.R.C. lead-off man Bimby Ablong stood still on a groover for the first erasure whilst Ernie Ribeiro went the same way by taking three healthy cuts at the atmosphere. Roy Maxwell grounded out to grace the scoreboard with a "duck." Taking advantage of a pass and three bobbles, Chung Hwa's denied the counting station for the first run of the fracas.

In the next two frames, both sides were blanked, but the Victorians produced the tying run in the fourth, when Roy Maxwell worked hurler Liu for a pass, and scampered home on left-gardener Richard Chung's wild heave to catcher Fung.

V.R.C. Take Lead

In the fifth Lionel Roza-Pereira and Manuel Roza both singled, but the latter was forced out by Bimby Ablong's weak grounder, although both Roza-Pereira and Ablong scored on Ernie Ribeiro's base-clearing triple to give V.R.C. the lead.

Roy Maxwell's dump, which had twirler Liu handcuffed, put two on the bases, Alec Azedo's timely single driving in both tallies.

Helped by two V.R.C. miscues, Bill Chang and Richard Chung both got on base, both scoring on a single and a sacrifice, to slim the lead to 5-3.

One more marker in the last stanza cinched the game for the Victorians, as the Choymen were shutout in the last two sessions.

Alec Azedo was the big gun of the day, connecting safely twice in three times to the plate, whilst Ernie Ribeiro poled out the longest hit of the tilt with a two-run triple.

Roy Maxwell, V.R.C. guardian of the windy alley, gave the most sparkling fielding display, snaring several line-drives, each one of them a fielding gem, whilst Chung Hwa slabster Jay Liu brilliantly shoe-stringed five infield pops.

Second Win

Playing inspired ball, V.R.C. garnered their second victory of the day when they calumniated the Liga Portuguesa 8-0.

"Jock" Brown starting for the winners, fanned one and walked two, while relief hurler "Pitsy" Barradas fanned none and passed none. Both hurlers allowed three safeties. Fork-handed chucker Cesar Coelho for the losers went the route, and passed three.

Batting honours were taken by Jock Brown, for his two-in-three hitting, while Maxwell, Ablong and "Bubbles" Remedios completed the only twin-killing of the day, by retiring Botelho and Coelho in the seventh.

Two Walk-Over

The Central Brits gave a walkover to the Cosmopolitans, whilst the Royal Scots also forfeited their points to Chung Hwa. The South China-Royal Engineers tilt has been postponed.

Review of other softball games has been held over until to-morrow.

ST. PATRICK'S FAREWELLS

A most pleasant evening was spent last night at St. Patrick's Club when friends gathered to give an impromptu farewell to G. Warburton and H. H. Buck, who are leaving the Colony shortly.

Messrs. Warburton and Buck have been very keen members of the Club during their stay in Hong Kong and are very popular with their colleagues.

HOCKEY UMPIRES' MEETING

A Hockey Umpires' Association meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow. All interested are invited to attend.

YESTERDAY'S YACHTING

The sweepstake race sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club over 5 1/2 miles yesterday resulted:

La Linda	16.54.16	L. P. Ralph	1
True Blue	16.57.49	Miss Wilson	2
Gull	17.00.11	A. O. G. Mills	3
Joss	17.02.04	C. E. Neve	4
Jean	17.02.32	M. S. Banner	5
Ariki	17.04.45	H. W. Browne	6

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament matches to be played on Sunday:—

AT 10.30 A.M.	
A. N. Other XI	v Signals
Police "A"	v Khalsa
2/M.T.B.	v Recreio
Gunboats	v University
AT 4 P.M.	
C.B.A.	v 5th A.A. "A"
Nomads	v Police "B"
Engineers	v Destroyer

R.A.M.C. BEAT SAPPERS

In a Third Division soccer match at the Valley yesterday Royal Army Medical Corps defeated Royal Engineers 3-1 after holding a goal lead at the interval. Pym (2) and Webb scored for Medicals and F. Jones for the Sappers.

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QUESTIONS ON FAR EAST

Tientsin And Shipping Facilities Raised

"BEVIN BOYS" TO TRAIN IN ENGLAND

The first batch of "Bevin boys," selected from artisans employed in Indian factories for training in the United Kingdom under the Bevin scheme, was announced in New Delhi yesterday.

Aged 18 to 35 they include electricians, fitters and blacksmiths from all classes all over India and are described as the advanced guard of India's industrial army. — Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETNESS

The London Stock Exchange generally was quiet and irregular yesterday. Gilt edged drifted down slightly after early firmness but closed steady. Industrials encountered some provincial selling and home rails tended to be easier but oils were firm and there was further speculative enquiry in European bonds, notably Belgian 4 per cent. Wall Street was irregular. — Reuter.

Mr. Butler's Laconic Replies

A LACONIC "YES" was the answer of the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, to a question in the Commons yesterday whether the situation in the British Concession at Tientsin was now satisfactory and whether Britons were able to pass unhindered between the Concession and adjacent occupied territory.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons.) asked whether British shipping was now allowed access on the Pearl River to Canton.

Mr. Butler said there was a weekly British service. Difficulties had arisen in connection with quarantine regulations and pilotage fees but they were under negotiation.

Capt. Alan Graham (Cons.) asked what Japanese restrictions were placed on exports and imports in occupied parts of China, and to what extent such restrictions affect British trade.

Merchants Affected

Mr. Butler outlined restrictions in North, Central and South China and added that British and other foreign merchants were being severely affected by all these measures.

Mr. Robert Morgan (Cons.) asked whether there were any improvements to report in facilities

allowed British shipping at coastal ports and especially at Tsingtao and Chefoo.

Mr. Butler said the Foreign Secretary was calling for a report on the latest situation as it affects British shipping facilities in North China.

A report had also been called for on the subject of British shipping in inland waterways other than the Yangtze. — Reuter.

IAN HAY RESIGNS FROM W.O.

THE WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT MAJOR-GENERAL BEITH (IAN HAY, THE WELL-KNOWN NOVELIST) HAS RESIGNED HIS APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS IN THE WAR OFFICE.

The resignation was accepted by Mr. Eden with great regret, and appreciation was expressed of Major-General Beith's great services to the Army.

Colonel Walter Elliott has been appointed to succeed him. — Reuter.

HERTZOG TO BE PENSIONED

THE EX-PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA, GENERAL HERTZOG, WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED FROM PARLIAMENT, WILL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL PENSION OF £2,000 UNDER A SPECIAL BILL INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY AMID CHEERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE HOUSE.

General Hertzog, who is the first Union Premier to receive a pension, had an unbroken spell of over 30 years of parliamentary life beginning with the Union. — Reuter.

TALKS ON LEASED AIR BASES

THE GOVERNOR OF TRINIDAD, SIR HUBERT YOUNG, AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE LEEWARD ISLANDS, SIR GORDON LETHBRIDGE, ACCOMPANIED BY SIR LENNOX O'REILLY, OF TRINIDAD, TOOK OFF FROM NEW YORK FOR LISBON YESTERDAY IN THE CLIPPER.

They are en route to London to participate in talks connected with the leasing of air and naval bases in the British West Indies to the United States.

Talking to journalists all three emphasised the importance of "hemisphere defence" for the security of the nations of the Americas. — Reuter.

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DEATH

BRANKSTON — At Queen Mary Hospital, A. D. Brankston (Archie), son of Mr. A. B. Brankston and the late Mrs. Brankston of Shanghai, at the age of 31. Funeral passing monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

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Barring a few minor clashes in a few sectors hostilities have now ceased, the Thai High Command announced in Bangkok to-day.

The Thai truce commission which left for Saigon yesterday afternoon numbers eight. Led by the chief of the air force, it includes the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, says the communique.

A review of the two months operations on the frontier reveals that Thai forces occupied two bits of territory on the right bank of the Mekong River, cession of which would probably have avoided the fighting, which started with the French bombing of Nakhonpanom.

Besides these territories Thai forces penetrated into Cambodia in a 25 miles stretch from Surlin right down to the Gulf of Thailand.

Only 100 were killed and 300 wounded on the Thai side since the outbreak of the frontier fighting, says the communique, asserting this is insignificant compared with the French total which, however, is not indicated. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT
POWERS
LIMITED

Three important amendments limiting President Roosevelt's powers under the Lease and Lend Bill were voted by the House Foreign Affairs Committee sitting behind closed doors yesterday.

The amendments were as follows:

Firstly, to fix the expiration date as June 30, 1943;

Secondly, requiring President Roosevelt to consult army and navy chiefs before transferring military equipment; and

Thirdly, requiring periodic reports to Congress on the Lease and Lend operations. — Reuter.

An amendment was approved specifically forbidding the use of United States warships on convoy duties. — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: East and north-east winds, fresh; cloudy with occasional drizzle, probably improving.

MR. WILLKIE
SILENT ON
WAR AIMS

Mr. Wendell Willkie revealed in London last night that he had received a comprehensive picture of Britain's war aims but declined to elaborate further. He said he saw no reason to explain the aims to the United States "at this particular stage."

Earlier Mr. Willkie strongly hinted that he favours all out American aid to Britain. — International News Service.

ITALIANS
ADMIT THE
FACTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The official Rome radio admitted last night that British military successes in North Africa can be expected to continue.

"The military situation remains strained, and the initiative is still in the hands of the enemy," the announcer stated, adding that further British successes can be expected.

The statement concluded: "The enemy in Albania is not yet inferior but will be as soon as Italy takes the initiative and delivers the final blow." — International News Service.

AMERICAN
ECONOMIC
DEFENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") IT WAS DISCLOSED IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT THAT A PROMISE OF AMERICAN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS BEING HELD OUT TO FIVE LATIN-AMERICAN REPUBLICS ATTENDING THE PLATTE CONFERENCE NOW UNDERWAY IN MONTEVIDEO, AS INDUCEMENT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC UNITY. The conference is being attended by the Argentine, Bolivia,

Italians Cut
Off In Rail
Junction

WITH THE AIR RESOUNDING TO THE THUNDER OF ARTILLERY THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL TROOPS DRAWN UP ROUND DERNÄ ARE SENDING OUT EXTENSIVE PATROLS TO PROBE THE POSITION OF THE ITALIANS DEFENDING THIS SMALL LIBYAN SEAPORT, CABLES REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OUTSIDE DERNÄ.

Meanwhile it is leared in authoritative quarters in London that the Army of the Nile has now surrounded the important road junction of Mekelle, south of Derna.

There is reason to believe that the Italian troops cut off here comprise the remnants of two divisions which retired from Sidi Barrani, as well as a certain number of tanks and armoured vehicles.

The British advance is being facilitated by our possession of Tobruk as an advance base. There is a good water supply at Tobruk and large quantities of petrol that the Italians had not time to destroy.

It is now revealed that the Indian division which is doing so well in Eritrea was sent to the Sudan after taking part in the capture of Sidi Barrani.

Fate Of Italian Settlers

Owing to the unavoidable movement of these troops the Italian forces at Kassala had time to execute a strategic withdrawal and escape the pincer movement that closed behind them.

British authoritative quarters are concerned with the fate of 200,000 Italian settlers in Abyssinia who are menaced by the growing tide of the patriot movement.

It is gathered that many are being concentrated at places like the capital, Addis Ababa, where there would be safety in numbers.

The problem of food supply is sure to arise sooner or later, even if any number enter Djibouti. — Reuter.

Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. The United States regards the conference as the most important step yet taken by South America toward "economic defence" of the hemisphere. — International News Service.

MATSUOKA
DEMAND TO
BRITAIN

The demand that Britain, the United States and Soviet Russia cease aiding China, was reiterated by Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, replying to interpellations in the Lower House.

Mr. Matsuoka said that before he became Foreign Minister he felt the best way was to use diplomatic means for this purpose but he found the situation "very aggravated."

He had not, however, given up what faint hopes remained of inducing Britain and America to change their policy but at the same time Japan would fight General Chiang Kai-shek to the last with unshakeable determination. — Reuter.

the Great War he yesterday named Alexander Korizis to succeed General Metaxas as Premier of Greece.

The Greek people have indicated their determination to continue the victorious war against Italy but from now on it is the affair of the King and not General Metaxas. — International News Service.

KING NOW
LEADING
GREECE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") KING GEORGE OF GREECE, MODEST AND UNASSUMING RULER WHO REIGNED FOR 15 MONTHS, SPENT 12 YEARS IN EXILE AND FINALLY WAS VOTED BACK TO HIS THRONE BY THE VOTE OF HIS PEOPLE, HAS BEEN GIVEN A CHANCE TO CARVE FOR HIMSELF A NICHE IN HISTORY. Only king to come-back since



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Naples And Catania Targets Of Heavy British Air Raids

Aerodromes And Railway Attacked

HEAVY BOMBING by the Royal Air Force of Naples and Catania aerodromes as well as the railway junction and marshalling yards on Monday night are the highspots of the R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters communique which states: "During the night of January 27, bombers of the R.A.F. carried out a heavy raid on Capodichino (Naples) Aerodrome.

"Bombs fell on a large building, setting it on fire, and other fires were started on the aerodrome. The central railway junction and marshalling yards at Naples were also attacked, fires and violent explosions being caused between the station and junction.

H.K. ANTI-SABOTAGE SCHEME

In connection with His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government's appeal of 9th January, 1941, for volunteers to provide anti-sabotage guards on board ships in Hong Kong Harbour, the following additional information may assist employers and those who are in some doubt as to whether they should volunteer for this duty.

Guards will only be required during the continuance of the Colony's present situation and the scheme will cease to function should the Colony be directly involved in war.

No fear need be entertained that the time of guards who are detailed for duty will be wasted in waiting for the ship to which they are allotted since it will be possible to arrange for them to return to their offices provided they can be communicated with by telephone at short notice.

The 12-hour duty period will not entail spending 12 hours continuously on guard, which would, in the case of night duty, impair the efficiency of the guards in their normal employment on the following day. It is anticipated that out of 3 guards, 1 will be on duty, 1 standing by and 1 off duty at any given time if the ship is working cargo. It will be appreciated that each person will be on full duty for only 1/3 of the 12-hour period.

It is realised that certain persons may hesitate to volunteer since, in the course of their normal employment, they may be liable to sudden business calls at short notice, and at any hour of the day or night. It is hoped however that such persons will volunteer since, if there is a satisfactory response to the appeal, it will be possible to make arrangements with regard to times of duty to meet difficulties in individual cases.

Members of the regular army in Hong Kong will take part in

The same night the Catania aerodrome was raided, bombs bursting on the main runway and among buildings on the south side of the aerodrome.

Fires were caused and one aircraft on the ground was burned out.

Comiso was also visited and the bombing there started fires among buildings followed by six violent explosions which were seen by our aircraft raiding Catania.

11 Savoia's Out Of Action

"In Libya on Tuesday air activity was mainly confined to protective fighter patrols for our advancing troops and ground striding of the retreating enemy between Derna and Barce.

"On the Martuba landing ground, 11 Savoia bombers were found abandoned in unserviceable condition. Three enemy fighters discovered nearby were also damaged by our earlier bombing and machine-gunning of the aerodrome.

"In Albania, fighter aircraft on patrol in the Kelycle area encountered a number of enemy aircraft and several were damaged.

"An important railway bridge and railway junction west of Keren (Eritrea) were successfully attacked.

"General air support was given our troops in their offensive the Agordat area.

Moyale Raids

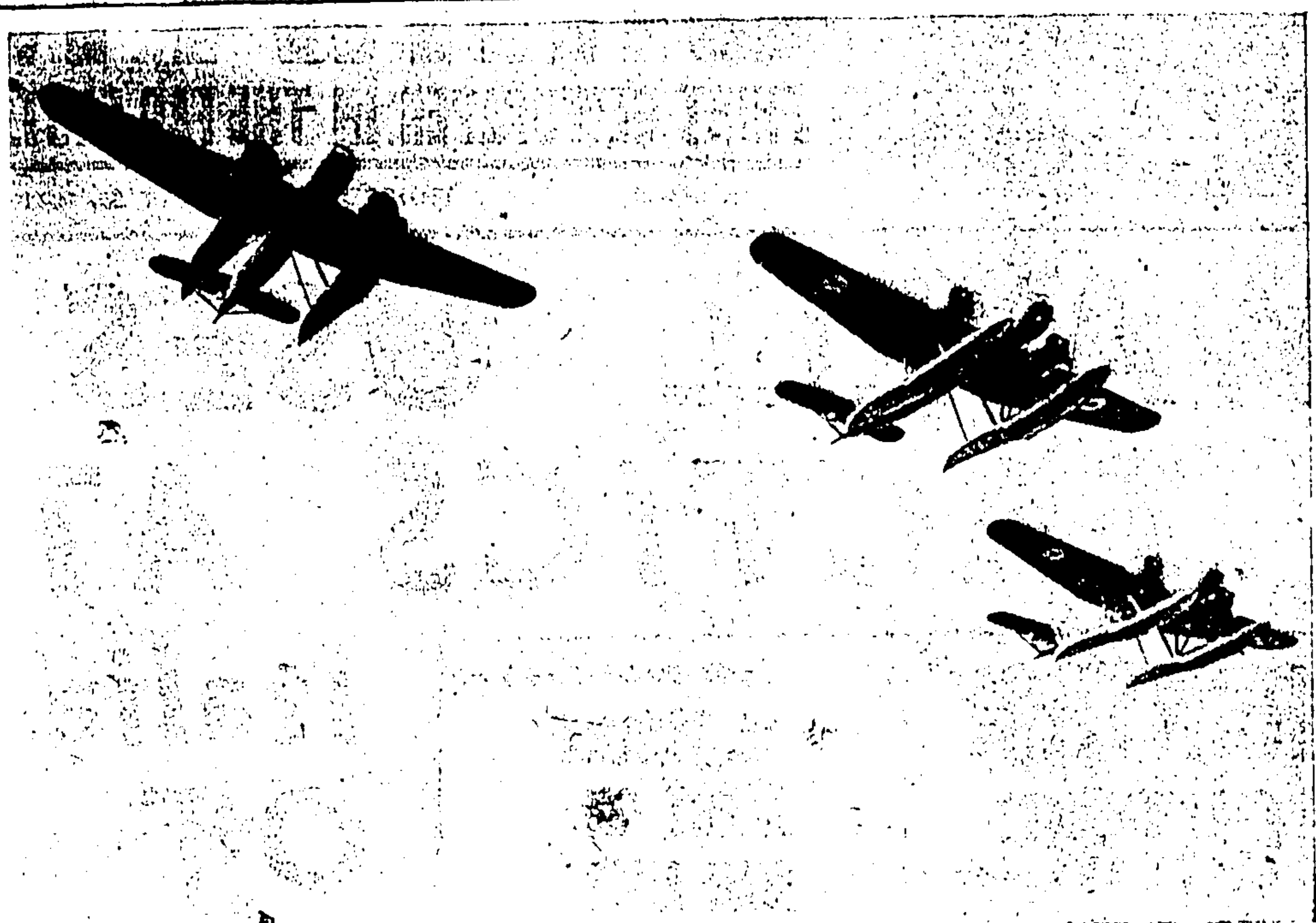
"Aircraft of the South African Air Force on January 27 carried out raids in the Moyale area and many high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped. The result could not be observed owing to weather conditions.

"Numerous reconnaissance flights were made on all fronts. From all operations our aircraft returned safely.

"In a communique on January 27, it was stated that one of our fighter aircraft operating in Libya was missing. It is now known that the pilot of this aircraft made a successful parachute descent and was subsequently found with only minor injuries."—Reuter.

this scheme and it is anticipated that this will further reduce the frequency of each person's periods of duty.

It is particularly emphasised that the greater the response to this call for volunteers the lighter will be the duty of each person. So far as can at present be foreseen, it is probable that, if all those who are asked to volunteer will undertake to assist, each person's turn for a period of 12 hours duty will come only once in 6 to 8 weeks or even less frequently.



BRITAIN'S ALLIES. — A assisting the Royal Air Force in their duties of safeguarding British shores and escorting convoys bringing necessities to Britain are men of the Royal Dutch Naval Air Service. Some of them are using their own Fokker float planes which are serviced by Dutch personnel. Wearing uniforms similar to our Royal Navy they are smart and efficient and have already given a good account of themselves during the German invasion of Holland. Photo shows Dutch Fokker T.S.W. float planes (Wright Whirlwind engines) on convoy patrol. (Air Ministry Photograph).

"VICTORY FIRST" THE WATCHWORD IN ATHENS

"Victory first" is the watchword of the new Greek Government, set forth in a proclamation issued in Athens last night.

The proclamation affirms the certainty that the fight will be carried to a victorious end and declares the Government, at the desire of the King, "takes up the heavy heritage of continuing the magnificent work of the man who has gone."—Reuter.

CHINA "SQUADRON" OF HURRICANE FIGHTERS

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

A "BRITISH CHINA SQUADRON" of R.A.F. Hurricane fighters is being formed as a result of a contribution of £102,000 from British communities in China, the Ministry of Aircraft Production announced yesterday.

After it has been ascertained what emblem the community requires the squadron to carry and whether it wishes each plane to be named after some prominent personality or place, the procedure is for the Air Ministry to name the new or existing squadron in appropriate detail.

Pilots who hail from British communities in China or are closely connected with them may be posted to the squadron if they desire, in order further to cement the bond of British communities in China with their own air fighting unit.

This latest squadron to arise as a result of the phenomenal outpourings of money from British and other communities abroad for more R.A.F. fighters and bombers will join an exclusive list of similar squadrons already in the front line.

Huge Contribution

These are the Burma, Hyderabad and East India fighter squadrons which will shortly be augmented, I understand, by squadrons named from both the British and Netherlands East Indies and on the African continent from Basutoland and the Gold Coast.

Necessary token totals for a squadron of fighters or bombers are £100,000 and £300,000, respectively.

Over £9,000,000 has been contributed from all parts of the world for new R.A.F. warplanes, individually and in squadrons, in eight months since June last. — Reuter.

BRITAIN TO MOBILISE WOMEN FOR INDUSTRY

The compulsory registration of women for essential industries throughout Britain is to be enforced soon, Reuter's political correspondent learns.

THEIR 9-HOUR CONCERT

The Hotspurs, a North-East concert party, claims to hold the record for a single night's voluntary entertainment—a total of nine hours. It lasted from 7.30 p.m. till 4.30 a.m.

They started with a two-hour show to 500 troops. As they left the camp there was an Alert. At the nearest shelter, the Hotspurs gave a three-hour concert.

When the "Raiders passed" the Hotspurs made a ten-mile journey to their home town. Another raid — and another shelter concert. It lasted two hours.

This will enable the Ministry of Labour to call upon women who are not engaged in industry to take their place in the industrial ranks.

Registration will be general and without distinction but it is likely that single women will be called up first and married women later, if the need arises. Age of registration is expected to be 20 upwards.

There will be provision for cases of hardship and it is intended that as far as possible women shall be placed at work as near their homes as possible. At the same time Government is making an exhaustive examination of the present schedule of reserved occupations for men, with the object of releasing for military service all those whose work is not absolutely essential. — Reuter.

MR. WILLKIE HAS A BUSY DAY

Whirlwind Inspection Of British Capital At War

Visit To T.U.C. Council Meeting

AFTER DINING WITH the entire British Cabinet on Tuesday night at a reception given by the Air Minister, Mr. Wendell Willkie yesterday started his third day of whirlwind inspection of London at war with undiminished energy.

The first morning meeting was with Sir Andrew Duncan, Minister of Supply, who is responsible for Britain's war production, after which Mr. Willkie dashed back to his hotel to deal with a mass of correspondence, also squeezing in a long talk with Professor Laski, one of the Labour Party's leading brains "behind the scenes."

High spot of the day was Mr. Willkie's arrival at the meeting of the Trades Union Congress General Council who were discussing the Government's manpower mobilisation scheme.

Sitting by the side of the T.U.C. Chairman, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Willkie listened to the discussion.

"They are a grand bunch of fellows, very intelligent and alert. I found myself in complete agreement with their aspirations and purposes," Mr. Willkie said afterwards.

Communists At The Savoy

Luncheon was at the Savoy Hotel with Sir Robert Kindersley — Britain's war saving propaganda chief — and a party of big businessmen.

A party of fur-coated and smartly dressed women who attempted to stage a Communist interruption were rapidly evicted almost before Mr. Willkie arrived.

Later Mr. Willkie visited Polish headquarters, where he met General Sikorski, the Polish Premier and Commander-in-Chief.

"My sympathies are 100 per cent. with the Polish people," he said on leaving to return to his hotel where he had an interview with the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi.

Eire Visit

Mr. Willkie is using all the ration cards and police permits which foreign visitors to Britain are obliged to have.

They have been given to him at his own request as he is anxious not to receive unwarranted privileges.

Mr. Willkie's proposed visit to Eire has not yet been definitely fixed. — Reuter.

T.U.C. AND MANPOWER QUESTION

Following a meeting of the T.U.C. and the Employers' Federation, at which Ministers of various Government departments were also present, Mr. Ernest Bevin stated that the whole problem of manpower and steps intended to be taken to secure adequate supply, has been discussed.

Orders and rules would be worked out in conjunction with a consultative committee so as to keep step with industry.

The Minister of Labour said voluntary efforts to secure the requisite numbers would receive

SPANISH ACTION AT TANGIER

The Foreign Under-Secretary was asked in the Commons yesterday whether the Spanish Government has given any explanation of the breach by them of the International Convention relating to the administration of Tangier and whether Britain would suspend the economic and financial agreements recently entered into for the advantage and assistance of Spain unless the Spanish Government undertook to conform to the Statute of Tangier, which they had solemnly pledged themselves to uphold.

Mr. Butler stated that during a conversation with the British Ambassador, and in public, the Spanish Foreign Minister had given various explanations of the action of his Government.

The principal claim was that the situation at Tangier was potentially dangerous as long as several belligerent powers were among those responsible for control of the International Zone, and therefore Spanish action was necessary to safeguard not only Spanish interests but also the interests of peace.

"As the House has already been informed," Mr. Butler added, "Britain, while reserving all rights under the relevant instruments, has embarked on negotiation of provisional arrangements concerning British rights and interests in the zone pending a final settlement. Progress of the discussions with the Spanish Government gives grounds for hoping that a satisfactory provisional solution may be found." — British Wireless.

his hearty cooperation. Existing conciliation machinery would be interfered with as little as possible and he stressed the point that the scheme would be a balanced one which, while imposing restrictions on labour, would also give security.

Mr. Bevin said there would be a great demand for women workers chiefly about twenty years of age. It is expected the scheme will affect some millions of people. — British Wireless.

"ILLUSTRIOUS FIGURE IN GREEK HISTORY"

A tribute to General Metaxas as one of the "illustrious figures of Greek history" is paid by King George in a message to the Greek nation.

"With the aid of God," says the King of the Hellenes, "Greece will live and triumph—worthy of our great ancestors, worthy of our heroes and martyrs." — Reuter.

WHO IS 'PERCY,' HERO OF TRIPLE RAID RESCUE?

(By A Special Correspondent)

Who is Percy? A charred fragment of a letter is the only clue to the identity of an R.A.F. hero. The newspapers have been asked to help to trace him.

After rescuing a man, wife and their little boy from the wreckage of their bombed home, risking death from dislodged timbers which threatened to collapse on him, the young airman walked shyly away from an admiring crowd.

As he went the letter fluttered from his pocket.

It says:—

"I have just seen something very dangerous and brave done."

"Our house had collapsed and my parents inside were buried in the debris. I shouted for someone to try to get them out."

Smoked — Vanished

"A young R.A.F. chap came along and endangered his own life by going right into the thick of

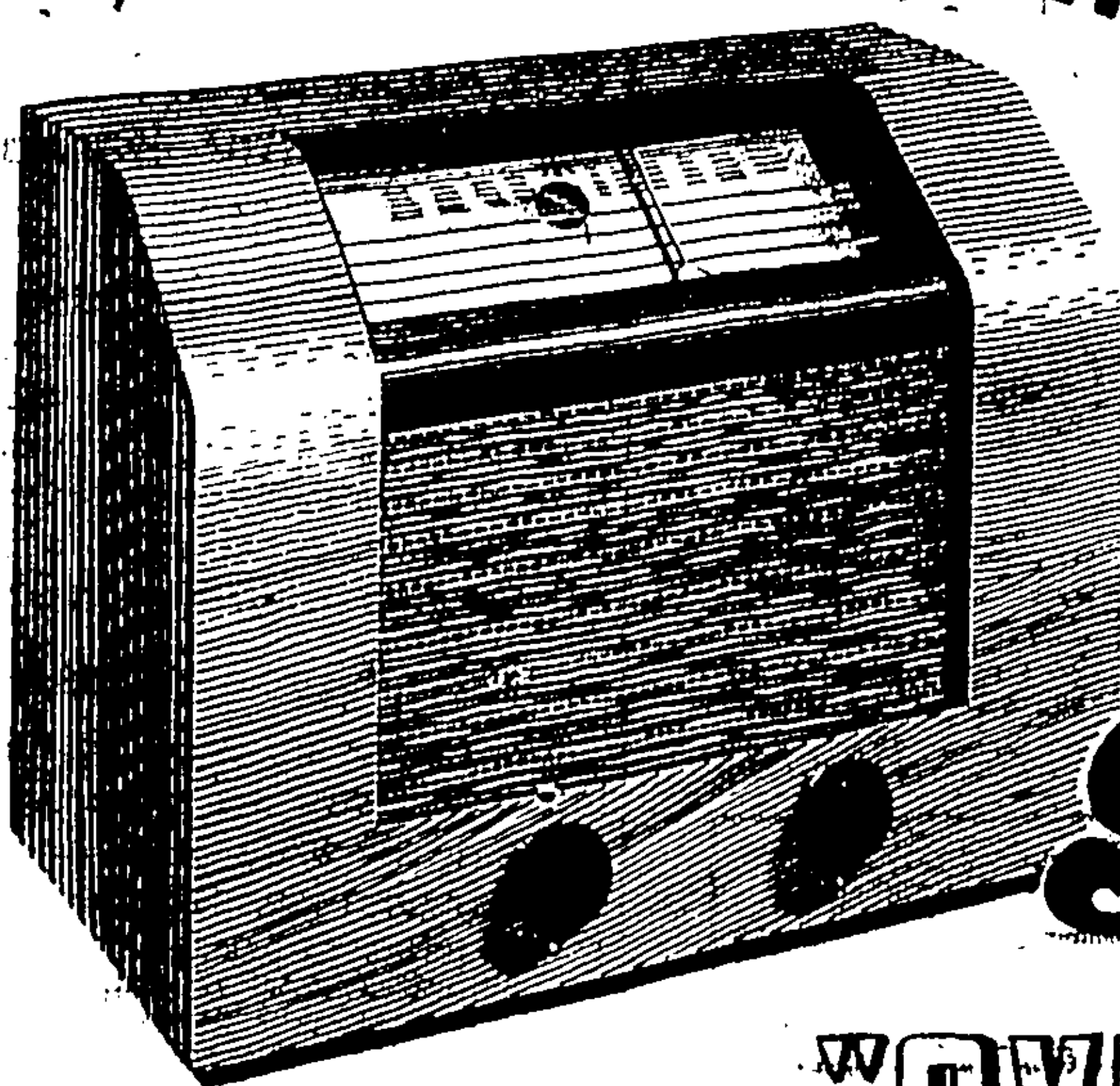
things, and rescued my mother, father and small brother."

"He had to crawl among a mass of timber which was likely to collapse at any moment to rescue them."

"When I looked round to thank him afterwards he had vanished. Someone gave him a cup of tea and he had a smoke, and dropped a paper which got burned."

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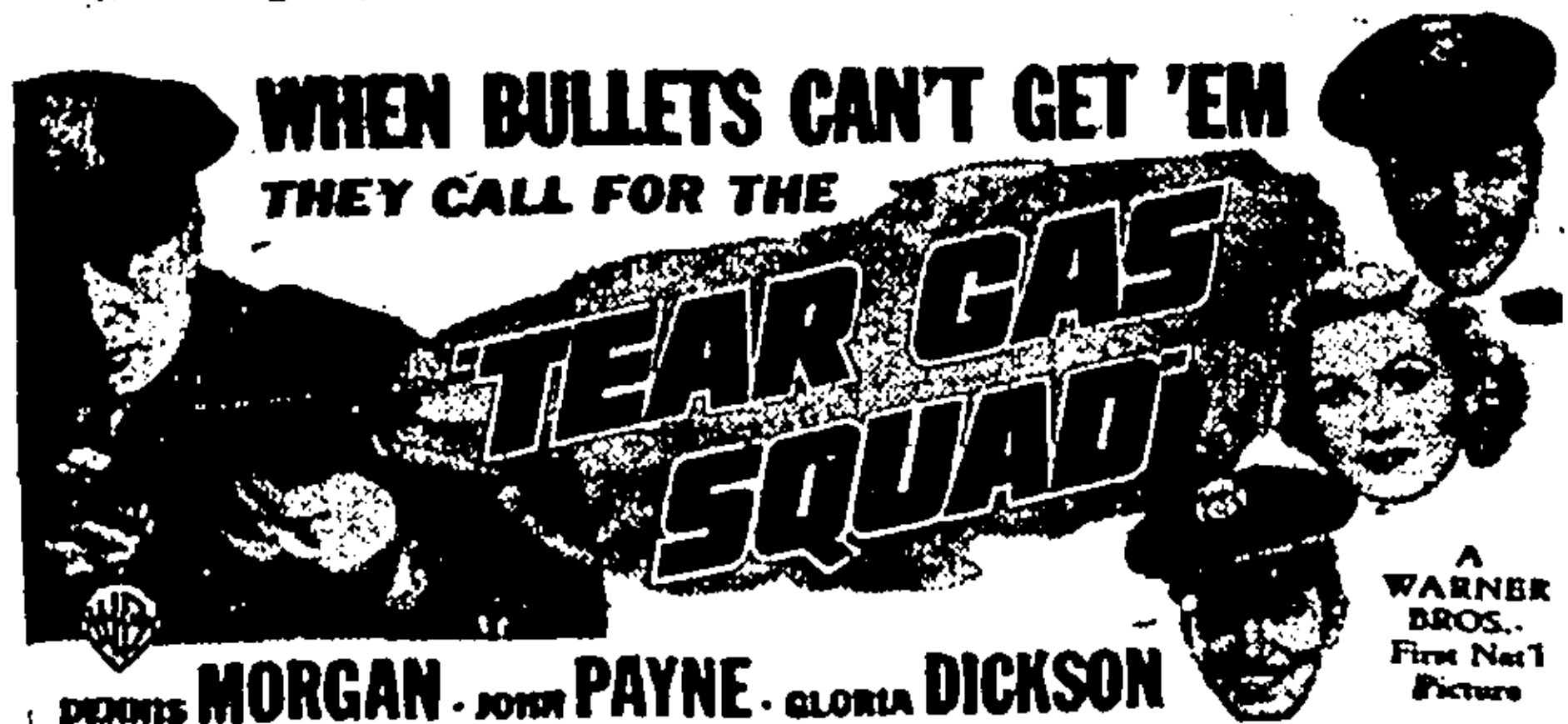
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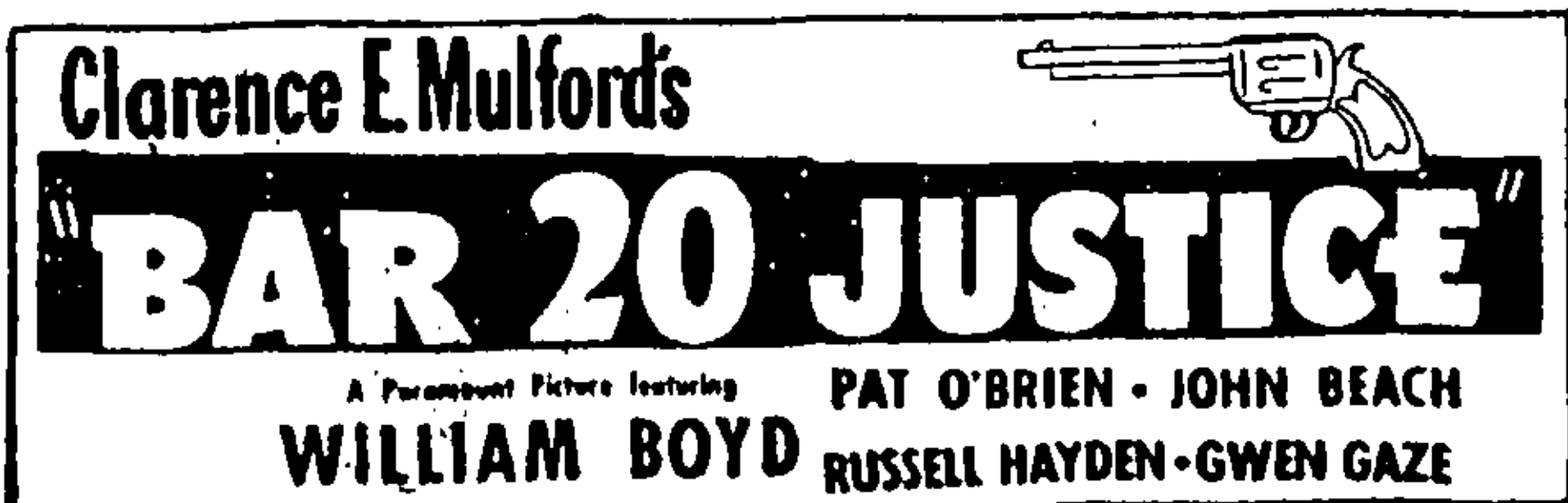
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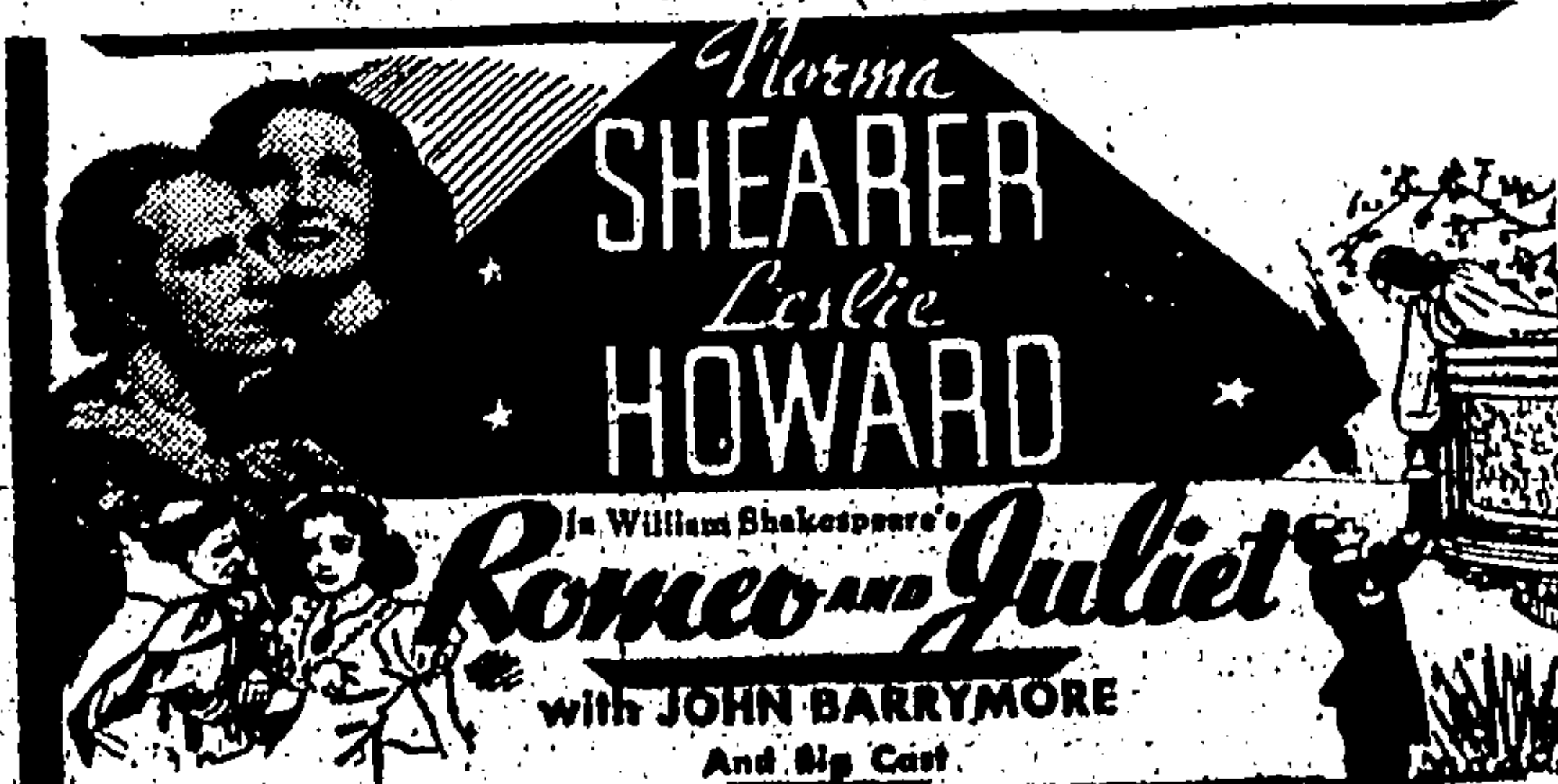


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R.A.F. MEETS & BEATS ITALY'S LATEST IN BOMBERS

A BRITISH FIGHTER PATROL has just fought an engagement with a formation of Italy's latest bombers over the southern Albanian front, one enemy bomber being shot down in flames. The British patrol suffered no loss.

Headquarters of the R.A.F. in Greece stated yesterday that a formation of our fighter aircraft on offensive patrol in southern Albania on Tuesday encountered a number of enemy bombers — Cantaz 107 and Breda 20 types.

Our aircraft at once attacked and shot down one enemy bomber in flames, while several others were damaged. The enemy formations were broken up successfully and deflected from their target. All our aircraft returned safely.

New Dive-Bomber

The Cantaz 107 is one of Italy's latest bombers. Its range is reputed to be 3,000 miles and its three engines give it a top speed of 230 miles an hour.

The Breda 20 is unlisted in London but it is likely to be the new Breda "Picchiarelli" dive-bomber with which the Italian air force hoped to emulate the deeds of the German Junkers 87 dive-bomber.

Its speed is 250 miles an hour and it has a bomb-carrying capacity of 2,200 lbs., similar to the Nazi aircraft. — Reuter.

CHANDRA BOSE MYSTERY

There was still no news in Calcutta yesterday of Mr. Chandra Bose, the Indian Leftist leader, who disappeared a few days ago. — Reuter.

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Elsewhere in the country enemy air activity again was slight.

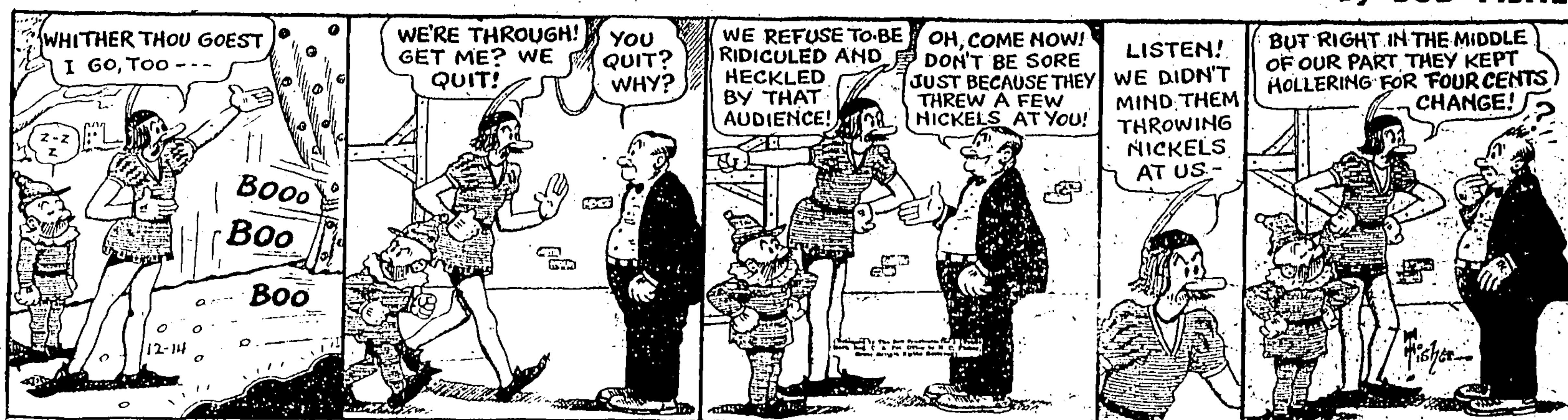
The night was also marked by shellfire from German long-range guns across the Channel.

A number of shells fell in Dover at irregular intervals but no casualties so far have been reported. — Reuter.

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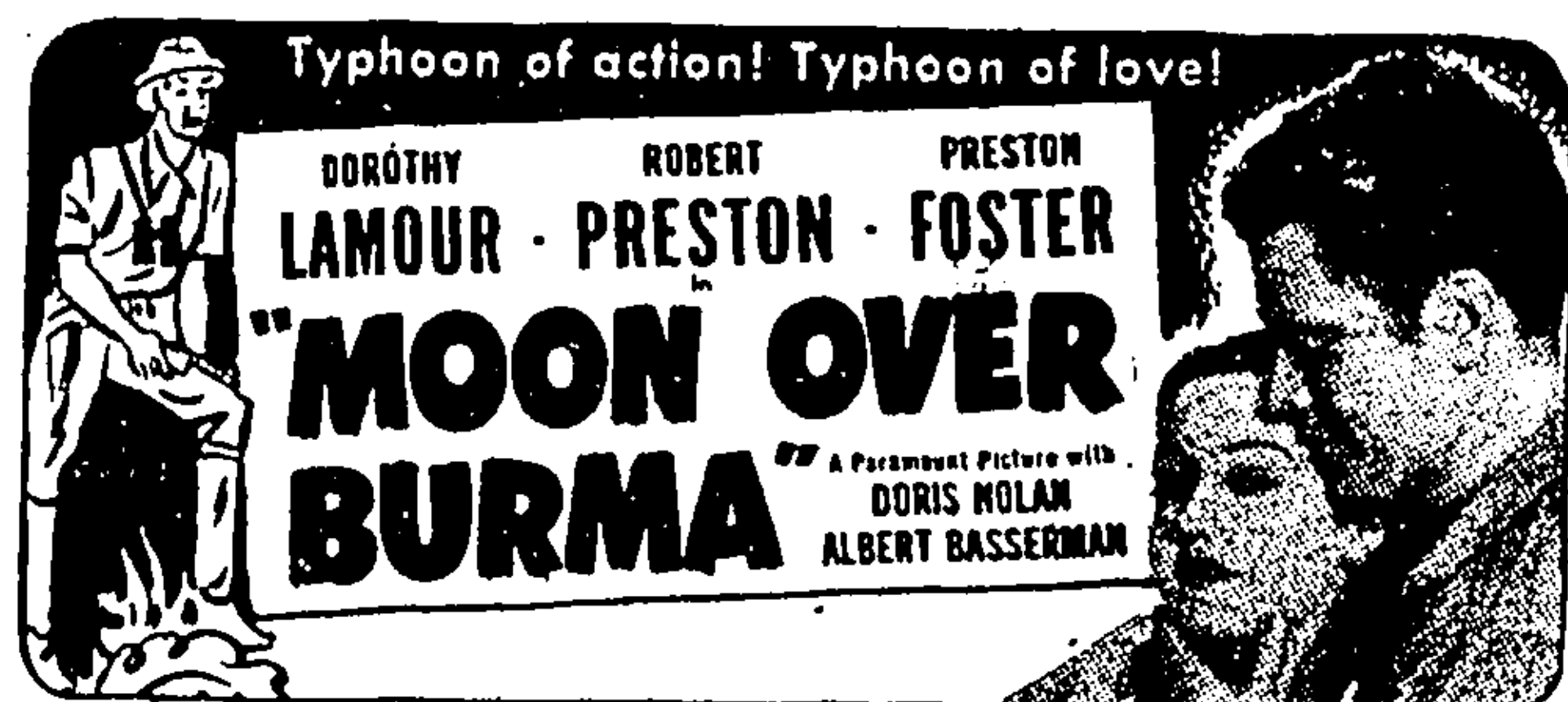
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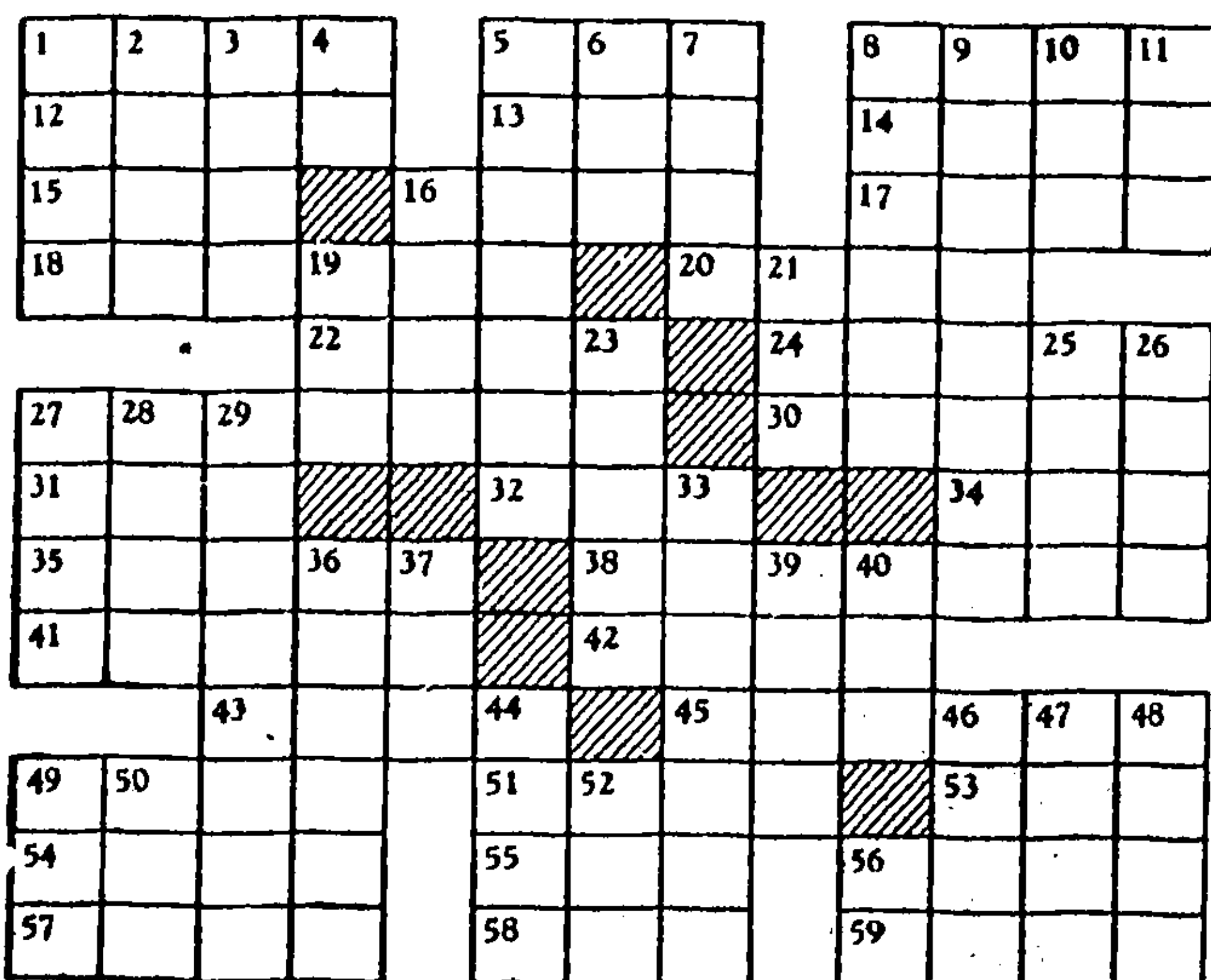


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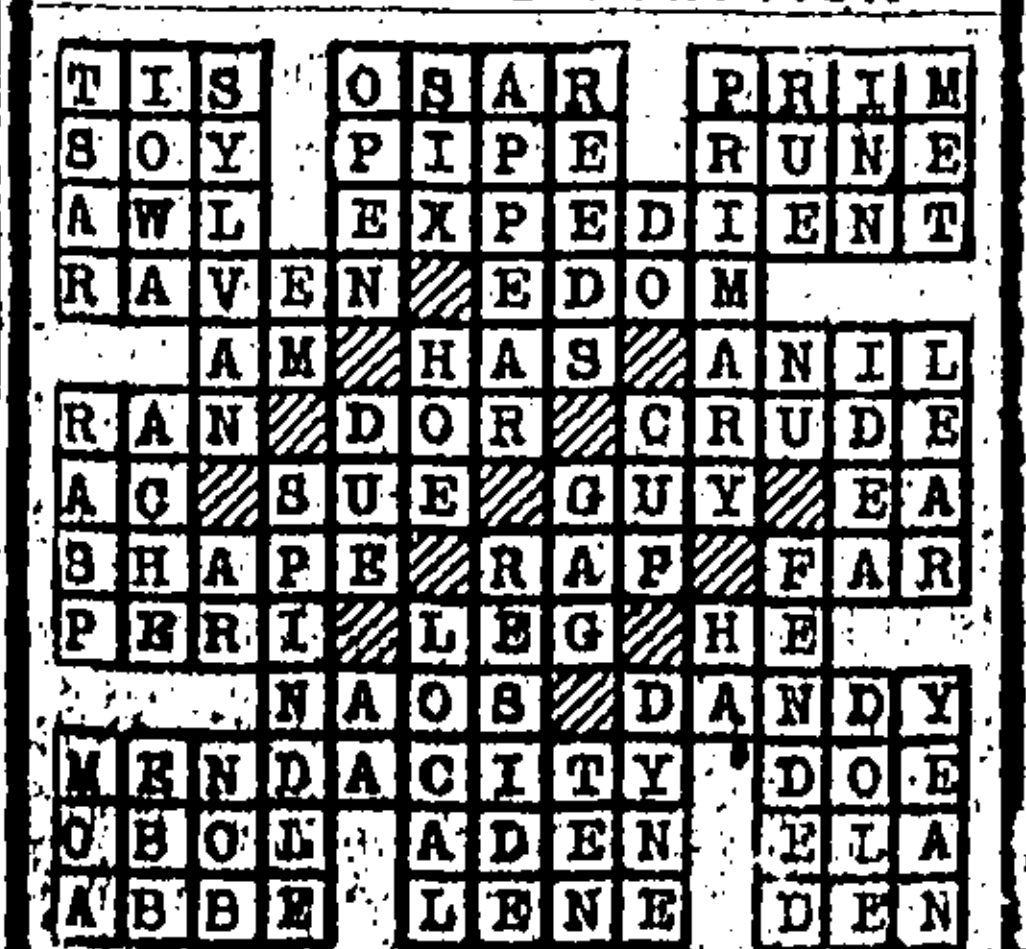
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- 1 To cook in a dry heat
- 5 Young goat
- 8 Card game
- 12 Persia
- 13 To dig
- 14 Nimbus
- 15 To trouble
- 16 European
- 17 Preposition
- 18 To shred
- 20 Dynasty in Chinese history
- 22 Singing voice
- 24 Celestial bodies
- 27 French bacteriologist
- 30 Eucalypt
- 31 Slander finally
- 32 Male
- 34 Unit
- 35 Wooden shoe
- 38 Gland in the neck
- 41 Moment
- 42 Comfort
- 43 To grant temporary use of
- 45 To derive by reasoning
- 46 Transaction
- 51 Ancient stringed instrument
- 53 Gypsy

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- 1 Prejudice
- 2 Seed covering
- 3 Hindu goddess
- 4 Printer's measure
- 5 Capital of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan
- 6 Electrified particle
- 7 To judge
- 8 Religion of the Japanese
- 9 Australian marsupial
- 10 Music: high
- 11 Also
- 16 To remove
- 19 Large tub
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- 23 To hurangue
- 25 Hindu goddess
- 26 Winter vehicle
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



BRITISH HOLDINGS IN U.S.

The forthcoming visit of Sir Edward Peacock to America to examine the possibilities of investments such as businesses in the United States, was announced in a Treasury statement issued in London yesterday.

The statement says: "In the light of material already shipped and contemplated by the United States it may now be freely published that His Majesty's Government have realised and disposed of a very great proportion of their gold holdings and are steadily selling American securities owned by their nationals at every opportunity.

"A more difficult problem is presented by investments such as businesses in the United States and United States companies controlled by companies in this country whose shares are not quoted on the Stock Exchange.

"His Majesty's Government are resolved to make the best possible use of these investments and they have decided to ask Sir Edward Peacock, who has great experience in such matters, to go to the United States and examine the possibilities on the spot. He will reach America very shortly."—Reuter.

FRENCH RAID INTO LIBYA

The recent raid into Italian Libya by Free French Forces is the subject of a communique issued by General de Gaulle's Headquarters in London yesterday.

The communique states: "In the course of January, elements of our troops in Chad, acting under the command of General de Larminat, carried out a deep raid into Italian Libya in the region of Fezzan.

"Our troops reached and destroyed the base at Muzak and carried the post at Gatrun, inflicting on the enemy serious losses in men and material.

"Several Italian planes were destroyed on the ground."

The communique adds that General de Gaulle has conferred the Cross de l'Ordre de la Liberation posthumously upon Lieutenant Dornano, Commander of the detachment, who was killed at Muzak.—Reuter.

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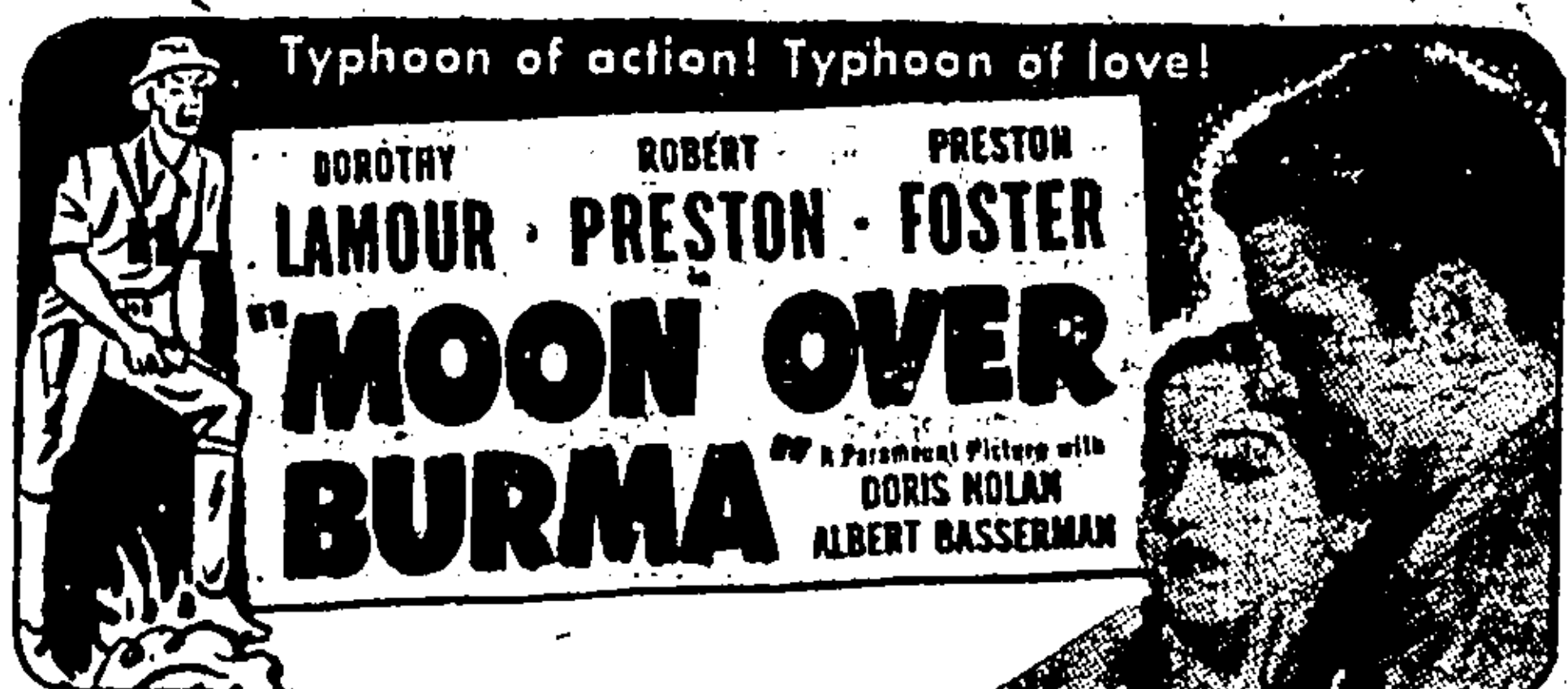
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SURVIVORS OF "EMPRESS" TELL OF BOMBING

HOW THE EMPRESS OF BRITAIN was attacked by a German bomber in the Atlantic was told by survivors who landed at a British port recently to the "Manchester Guardian." The ship was set on fire by the raider's bombs, and while in tow she blew up and sank. Some 598 survivors out of a total on board of 643 have been landed by British warships.

The ship's commander, Captain Charles Howard Sapsworth, was among the survivors. He stood on the bridge until it was burning away beneath him, encouraging his anti-aircraft gunners as they battled with the German plane until all were killed or wounded and the guns were out of action.

The Nazi raider then continued to machine-gun the bridge and the helpless passengers on deck. Captain Sapsworth brought the King and Queen back in the Empress of Britain from their Canadian tour.

Far beneath the gunners, in the bowels of the liner, other men kept the engines going though they had to wear gas masks because of the smoke and fumes.

After dropping his first bombs the Nazi plane returned and dropped four more, including incendiaries. The liner caught fire, and passengers took to the boats, but some could not be lowered as they were set ablaze by the bombs. Sailors made rafts for passengers.

There was little danger of the ship sinking immediately, and there was ample time for women and children to get into the boats. While awaiting instructions they had stayed below without panic. Many of those on board could not get away immediately, and about 300 of them made their way to the forecastle. The last were not taken off until six hours later. In the stern about 100 people gathered, but they were all taken off within an hour of the attack.

Several members of the crew paid a tribute to a naval officer aboard the Empress of Britain.

"He took a party of men through the flames and smoke to try to launch some of the starboard boats," said one sailor. "They managed to get one of the boats lowered, but then had to beat a retreat. That one boat saved a lot of lives."

Once again the R.A.F. played its part. The occupants of one boat sighted a British flying-boat, and cheered when the R.A.F. men signalled that rescue ships were on the way. The occupants of the boat were picked up three-quarters of an hour later by a warship.

Baby Among the Rescued

The youngest passenger on board—eleven-month-old Neville Hart—was saved. He was tied in a blanket on the back of a sailor who slid down sixty feet of rope to a lifeboat. The child's mother, father, sister, and brother were also saved. Their home is at Aldridge, Staffs.

His sister Beryl, aged nineteen, said: "I was in my cabin, near my mother's, when the first bomb struck the liner. There was a terrific noise and my cabin was wrecked before I was able to leave it. My mother called and I scrambled through the wreckage and reached her. We stayed below. Soon fire broke out, and it was raging all around us."

"My little brother did not seem to trouble at all. We remained in the ship for about two hours before we were safely lowered to the lifeboats. We were in the boats for six and a half hours before we were picked up by British warships."

Mr. J. P. Donovan, of Southampton, said: "As soon as the bombing began about forty or fifty of us lay down on the deck of the forecastle. The lights went out in this part of the ship. With the assistance of torches we made our way forward, and when we reached the bows conditions were not too bad. The captain had manoeuvred the vessel so that the forward part would be clear of smoke and flames."

"Finally about 300 people, including women and children, were gathered. Half an hour after the attack some of the boats lowered from the starboard side came up forward, and we got all the women and children and as many others as possible into them. The sea was pretty calm and we

did not experience much difficulty here.

Rafts Made

"These boats were full up and we still had about 140 people on the forecastle. We hoped there would be boats for us sometime or other, but in case there were not we began to make rafts. We got all the wood we could—cabin doors, doors between decks, and awning spars—and made sea rafts. We pushed these to the rails ready to tip into the water and tied lines to them so that they would not float away."

"One man who was in the water came up the rope to the deck and helped a sailor to lower a boat. This boat was the means of many lives being saved."

"Owing to the fire spreading quickly a number of the boats had to be got away with only four men in them, the idea being to get them safely afloat and then get the people into them. The trouble was that four men could not row these heavy boats, and then the motor-boat which could have towed them to where they were needed most got a knock as it was being lowered and the engine would not start."

"The coxswain, named McKinnon, and an R.A.F. officer did excellent work between them. McKinnon had about a dozen people in the motor-boat with him, but none of them could get the engine to start. We managed to row the boat to the lifeboat nearby in the hope that someone there could help. There we came across the R.A.F. officer, and he managed to get the engine going. It was easy after that. The motor-boat towed the empty lifeboats up to the ship, where the flames had been spreading, and it was not long after until we were all away. I was one of the last men to leave the ship."

"All these hours the flames had been spreading forward and the heat and smoke were most trying. One man who had been in the sea was dried in a short time just by standing near a bulwark."

"Then a British flying-boat came along. It signalled to us that rescue ships were on the way. We cheered. A British warship came up about three-quarters of an hour later. The Navy was grand, and soon had us all on board."

Fire's Rapid Spread

Another member of the crew said he thought a number of people were killed and injured by the explosion of the bombs and by the aircraft's machine-guns.

"It was typical of the Nazi airman," he said, "to machine-gun the helpless passengers after he had put our guns out of action with his bombs. He machine-gunned the bridge heavily, but the machine-gunner there fought back bravely. I heard our skipper commending him highly. The skipper himself was very cool. He stayed on the bridge until it was literally burning beneath his feet, and he was on the forepart until the very end."

"I cannot describe how quickly the fire spread. The ship caught fire within a few minutes as the result of hits by incendiary bombs. If it had not been for the fires we would never have had to leave the ship."

"We managed to collect some of the injured and carry them off, where some other men and I stayed with the ship's doctor helping to attend them until we were taken off."

Women's Bravery

One of the stewards said: "The women were very brave. One of

THEATRE IS CATHEDRAL

They can't black-out Exeter Cathedral, so the authorities have taken the Theatre Royal for Sunday evening services.

No collections and "religion without frills" are features of these services for young people, to be conducted from the stage.

The Dean, Dr. S. C. Carpenter, told a reporter: "There will be no frills. The speakers will not aim at being eloquent or emotional, but will try to give plain answers to the difficult religious questions of to-day."

"A great many of the Exeter churches are closing on Sunday evenings because they cannot properly darken their windows."

Hymns On Screen

"The Cathedral is similarly affected."

No doubt parents will stay at home, but the younger folk will probably want to go out. These theatre services are intended for them.

"It is hoped that these services will attract also those people who walk about the streets on Sunday nights."

"The whole thing will be easy. Words of the hymns will be flashed on to a screen. There will be no charge for admission and no collections."

BUY THEIR OWN BOMB

The Minister of Supply has acknowledged a cheque for £45 15s. 6d. subscribed by the residents of Simeloengoen, a district on the east coast of Sumatra, for the purchase of "a bomb to be dropped fairly and squarely on some definite objective in Germany on their behalf."

The residents of Simeloengoen have been assured that they need have no doubts that the bomb will be dropped in the manner they desire.

them, a Mrs. Stratter, found herself on a raft. Not far away was a lifeboat, but as it had only four men in it it appeared that it could not reach the raft, so Mrs. Stratter and a steward swam to the boat."

Describing how he received injuries to his hands a steward said, "I went down the rope to get into the boat, but when I got to the water the boat had disappeared. I hung on for a time and it was then that my hands were hurt. I then found an empty lifebelt box floating about. I was wearing my lifebelt, but I can swim only a few strokes. I managed to get to the box, and then it overturned and I was trapped inside it below the water. How I managed to free myself I do not know. . . . I have a vague memory of a pal of mine appearing from somewhere with a boat-hook, but I don't remember being pulled into the lifeboat."

A man who was among the last party to leave the forecastle said, "By the time we left the forecastle was red hot and the paint was falling off like strips of canvas."

An engine-room officer said, "We kept the engines running for about three-quarters of an hour after the attack, but the smoke and fumes were so bad below that we had to wear our gas masks as we went about our jobs. The lights were on, but we needed electric torches as well to see what we were doing. When the time came to abandon ship we had a bit of a struggle to get on deck."

George Larkin, a fireman, of Liverpool, said: "The first I heard was machine-gun fire. A moment later a bomb struck the ship. We were trapped and we had to go right forward again through black choking smoke and fumes. Two men collapsed from suffocation before we reached safety by climbing to the upper deck."

Several members of the ship's crew were killed and wounded as they strove to keep the raiders off. Those manning a Lewis gun were shot down by the raiders' machine-guns as they fired at it.

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THE NEW "LEAGUE OF NATIONS"

The same sardonic theatricalism that impelled Hitler to force the French to capitulate in the famous armistice car in the forest of Compiègne inspires the Germans to describe the bloc they are busily imposing on Europe as a "league of nations." This is the brand of satire the Nazis relish; it illuminates the real character of a revolution motivated by a spirit of vengeance and directed by a leader driven ahead by the desire to get even with the rest of the world.

Applying the name of League of Nations to a forced draft of conscript States emphasises as well as anything the quality of Hitler's new order. It is like a bad caricature, drawn by some evil genius, of the plan for a community of free nations which Hitler did most to wreck when he broke the League Covenant and the Treaty of Locarno.

The assembly at Geneva was created to be a forum of small nations; it was the first international congress in history in which the little countries spoke as loudly as the big powers. In Hitler's league they will have no voice at all. As he incorporates Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria into the system, encircles Yugoslavia as Sweden is encircled, puts the pressure of all on resistant Greece, the whole continent will be bound by a silence as complete as the tomb-like quiet of the occupied lands. One voice, very loud and familiar—will speak for all. No State can keep out of this "league," or get out once it is in; none, we are told, can maintain even a "silent partnership with the British firm" and play even its mum and minor role in the future of Europe.

Opposition to Britain is, in fact, the only binding principle. Hitler's league is simply a war front against the British. It is significant that the new continental order begins "west of Russia," and in this connection the most interesting item in the announcements from Berlin is the statement in one of the most conservative of Nazi organs, the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt," that recent diplomatic developments in Europe and also in the Far East are proceeding "with the authoritative cooperation and full approval of the Soviet Union." There is

Who Holds Khartoum Holds One of the Keys To Egypt

959 — a total of more than 265,000 people, so far as the difficulties of census-taking in swarming native cities can allow accuracy.

The city proper is magnificently modern, clean and well planned. Its hotels are unimpeachable, its streets broad, its shops

By
J. Wentworth Day

good, transport excellent, and sanitation above reproach. What was in the days of the Mahdi a squalid, mud-walled town, stinking of cruelty and corruption, is to-day one of the world's model cities, a shining tribute to British rule. Khartoum is young, splendid and eager.

Let it be remembered that it is only 42 years since this whole land of the Sudan was a slave State under the bloody heel of that mad Khalifa in whose brief reign of 13 years a population of eight and a half millions was reduced by famine, disease and battle to one and a half millions.

Nearly every town and village was in ruins. Flocks and herds were wiped out. Men and women were crucified. Dogs, vultures and the sword were partners in government.

Even the date palms were hewn down by the Mahdi's followers in their frenzy of destruction. Britain was hated with a blood-lust of religious fervour which caused the Sudanese to fling themselves under withering fire on to British bayonets. Those "low white clouds" of maddened tribesmen died hating us with the last breath.

I have talked of these wars in the villages of the Nile with old men, black as night, stringy as camels, who fought against us. Their old eyes still light up mischievously with the memories of fighting.

To-day the Sudan has a population of 6,342,477, of whom only 52,625 are non-native. Could any more eloquent testimony be given to the beneficence of British rule than a jump in the population of nearly 5,000,000 in 40 years? Of the 969,600 square miles which make up this vast territory, as big as all Europe bar Russia, the 9,000,000 acres at the back of Khartoum, between the two rivers,

is among the richest land in all the world. It will grow anything which grows in alluvial Africa.

The country, which is 1,650 miles in length from Egypt to Uganda and the borders of the Belgian Congo, has 1,991 miles of railways, 5,854 miles of telegraph and telephone routes, 23 wireless stations, a fleet of Government steamers on the Nile, ample motor transport, and a submarine cable across the Red Sea to the Kingdom of the Hedjaz.

Since the Anglo-Egyptian armistice overthrew the Mahdi's fanatics the country has been governed by a Governor-General appointed by Egypt, with the assent of Great Britain, a state of affairs embodied in a convention signed with Cairo on Jan. 19, 1899, and reaffirmed in the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1926. The British and Egyptian flags fly together. Laws are made by proclamation. Imports from Egypt are duty free. Slavery is abolished.

The country is defended by the Sudan Defence Force, one of the finest Colonial forces in the world. It owes allegiance to the Governor-General, although since the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty was signed a few Egyptian troops have returned to Khartoum and Port Sudan.

Line of Great Men

This Defence Force has been built up by the tireless labours and in the great traditions of a mighty line of Sirdars and Governors-General. Names of the great men of the Sudan ring through the brief and stirring pageant of its present history—Gordon and Kitchener, Slatin Pasha and Hicks Pasha, Wingate and Lee Stack, down to Sir John Maffey and his successor of to-day, Sir Stuart Symes, a Governor-General cast in the true mould of British pro-Consuls, that individual race of men whose motto of rule is "Persuade but be firm."

The tradition of Kitchener is strong in the land. The hand of the great Sirdar seems still living on every brick and stone. His name is constantly in men's mouths. It is as though one dwelt in a land where the living walk hand in hand with the mighty dead.

I shall not soon forget that ramrod-like Bimbashi, black as coal, smart as a grenadier, with the magnificent boots and Savile-row breeches, who fought with Kitchener at Omdurman. This whipcord man of war remembered Mr. Churchill as a dashing subaltern. Seventy-three years old and as active as a snipe, his contempt for the Italians was summed up in one terse phrase—"The sons of jackals."

After Omdurman

Let Mussolini, Scipio Africanus (very much Minor) remember in his African venture not only the fate of Cambyse's armies, swallowed in the Libyan desert, but that more recent sign of this present spirit in the Sudan, when, on Sept. 3, 1898, two days after the battle of Omdurman, Kitchener held that impressive ceremony at Khartoum on the spot where Gordon fell.

The Union Jack flew from the ruined palace in the scorching desert sunlight. The troops, sand-stained, black and brown, were drawn up in impressive lines. Native faces, scarred with the tribal marks on either cheek, stretched in silent waves to left and right. Under the hot sun the two voices of the Sudan—English and Arabic—rolled thunderously in the National Anthem of Great Britain. A day worthy of Alexander the Great—Grecian in its epic significance.

Gordon was avenged; Britain's prestige was restored. Egypt was saved from invasion. That day may well come again, and soon. For in the Sudan Kitchener kindled a flame for the future which, though strong, is not yet fully bright.

The priests of Ephesus said at Alexander's birth: "This day there is in some part of the world a torch kindled, which shall one day consume all the East."

We, too, may say when the battle of Egypt and the Sudan is joined, that such a light will be lit in Africa as will not die till the Axis, its faith, its Mediterranean mercenaries have perished in the sands which swallowed the empires of the past.

Silk Stockings

Homily From A Victorian

"This mad scramble for silk stockings is a disgrace to our sex," said Grandmamma. Her evening gown was long enough to conceal her feet entirely, and not even Ida had the courage to ask what sort of hosiery its folds concealed. "Does none of you know there's a war on?" she added, for the old never weary of clichés.

"It's all very well," said Ida pacifically. Her husband is in the R.A.F., and she herself was in uniform till she resigned for what Grandmamma calls "nursery reasons." "But what else are we to wear? Everyone always has worn silk stockings."

"Always indeed!" snorted Grandmamma. "Why I read only the other day that Queen Elizabeth was the first woman in England to wear silk stockings, and they were carpentered out of a bit of silk. I gather, so you wouldn't have cared for them! And everyone indeed! Do you realise that my generation never wore anything but woollen stockings till they were grown up? Black ribbed woollen stockings, summer and winter, and we," said Grandmamma, striking out rather unfairly on a side issue of her own, "never had our tonsils or adenoids dragged out in this lax modern way!"

"But Grannie, you can't have worn them for dances or parties," protested Ida.

Grandmamma paused, uncertain, as old ladies often are, whether to portray a past devoid of foolish, unnecessary gaiety or one in which she ruled as a queen of charm and attraction. The latter was evidently winning as she admitted, "Well, yes, we had fine white cotton stockings for parties I remember, but not silk. My grandmother gave me two pairs once, given to her at the time of the Great Exhibition. They had the date—1856, or so—embroidered in open work across the ankles and she thought them too fast to wear. I wore them once, I recollect, at a garden party, and the midges bit through them till I found the date across my instep in red spots on my return. For we did not scratch our legs in public in those days, my dear."

"Well, when did you begin silk, anyway?" asked Ida.

"My first pair was given me when I married; very thick with lace openwork, and they cost a guinea. I had a black pair and a pink pair, too. I remember, but that was all. I was saying to your mother only yesterday how odd it is how one forgets these things. We cannot remember when people began to wear brown, or

even grey, stockings, but we think it must have been about the beginning of the century when so many girls took to sport of every kind and skirts grew shorter—though even then six inches off the ground was enough for us. It was only in that time of licence after the Great War, when skirts literally flared upwards, that I remember purchasing grey or bronze stockings as a matter of course and that the shops began to produce cheap silk varieties. It was then that everyone, as you say, began to wear them, and a great mistake too. Old people got rheumatism in their legs and young people had an endless strain on their dress allowances. And as for the working classes" (Grandmamma still employs this old-world term), "I think silk stockings did far, far more harm than cinemas or wireless or even education! Not a girl will get down to a good scrub or turn out a room as she should in those ridiculous flimsy things. Girls live in one perpetual fear, that they'll ladder their stockings. That's why, when they marry, they eat out of tins and neglect their children. They won't bother to cook and they spend half their money on their legs. I have great hopes that this restriction may put good sensible wool on their legs and ideas into their heads, and that we shall see a better England even before the war is over. For, as I always say, good may come, even out of evil!"

It was unfortunate that Grandmamma emphasised this noble thought with a tap of her foot, so that the watchful Ida could exclaim reproachfully:

"Oh, Grannie! You've the best silk stockings yourself!"

"Not at all," said Grandmamma undismayed. "I am wearing, as I always do, a pair of thin silk over a pair of Lisle thread. Let me hand the idea on to all you young people. The material below trebles the life of the silk and the effect is very rich. It is my own idea and I am proud of it."

"But what will you do when they're all worn out?" asked Ida. "I have laid in enough during the last year to last my time, I hope," replied the old lady majestically.

"Without remembering that there was a war on," murmured Ida, but Grandmamma turned on her undismayed.

"When you have lived through as many wars as I have you learn prudence," she said majestically as she rose to take herself Winifred Peck.

By Test Of Battle

In front of the fishing village these two great waters united to form that vast river the Nile—river of conquerors and Pharaohs, of vanished cities and dead gods, of old wars and crumbled empires. To-day the ownership of that ancient river may well decide the future of the world. The prophecy of the pyramids is about to be fulfilled within sight of their immutable stones. The nations of the world furnish their weapons, tighten their reins.

Khartoum, the jewel of the Sudan, is high among the prizes. For he who wins Khartoum holds the southern key to Egypt, even as he who takes Alexandria has the key to the north. Egypt is the guardian of the Suez Canal, and the national which straddles the canal has its foot upon the vertebra of the British Empire.

They called it Khartoum in the far-off days when Tirhakah was King of Ethiopia and Hezekiah was King of Judea, because the tongue of land upon which stood the fishing huts was shaped like an elephant's trunk, whereof the word is khartoum.

Kitchener's Vision

For a time this wild land of desert, savage hills and mighty rivers was Christian. St. Athanasius is said to have introduced the faith from Abyssinia. There are to-day the dusty remains of Christian churches in Sobat, 10 miles south of Khartoum: their piles of forgotten bricks are scattered here and there in the trim, toylike mud towns of Dongola. When the Arabs swept in across the Red Sea in the Eighth Century Christianity was overwhelmed there and the Muslim creed was paramount.

Long before the brief period of Christian enlightenment the Sudan was ruled by a monstrous race of queens, the Canadace. Amazons of a terrifying mould. Their portraits in stone invariably show them hauling along a bunch of prisoners by the hair in one hand and brandishing a battle-axe in the other.

One hundred and twenty years ago, when the all-conquering Turkish and Egyptian armies of that great Albanian adventurer Mohamed Ali the First, ancestor of King Farouk of Egypt, invaded the Sudan they pitched upon the fishing village as the strategic key of their new-won territories.

It is the key to-day; but it is more. Lord Kitchener in 1910 prophesied that by 1960 Khartoum would be the greatest city in Africa, provider of all the cotton that Lancashire can need, mighty market of wheat, sugar, rice, gum arabic, rubber, hides and oil. That prophecy is well on the way to fulfilment. To-day the Governmental City of Khartoum proper has a population of 46,676; Khartoum North of 107,720, and Omdurman, across the river, 110,000.

no reason to doubt that Stalin, whose policy is dictated by fear of Hitler, has given the go-ahead signal. That circumstance simply adds the plaster cornice to a fake structure, exhibited before the foundation stone is laid and doomed to fall long before it is built.

UNITED STATES AND "BACK DOOR" AID TO NAZIS

IT WAS CONSIDERED possible in London that at an interview yesterday with Mr. Cordell Hull the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, might impress upon the United States Secretary of State the urgency of extending to the economic field aid to Britain afforded by the United States in the matter of direct war material.

Such aid, it is considered, would particularly be effective regarding the export of materials useful in war across the Pacific through Russia.

Some surprise is expressed in London at a reported statement by Mr. Cordell Hull that he believed United States exports to Russia were insufficient to be of any great military value to Germany.

This view is by no means shared in informed quarters in London and in regard in particular to copper, cotton and oil drilling machinery the view is strongly held that a very substantial advantage may accrue to the enemy through this channel.

Pre-war normal Russian imports of raw cotton, for example, amounted to about 20,000 tons in 1937-38 and of American cotton about 4,000 tons was exported to Russia in 1937.

Between the outbreak of war and October, 1940, there is no evidence of any Russian imports of cotton across the Pacific. Since that date, however, 32,000 tons of cotton have been shipped to the U.S.S.R. from the United States.

Undertaking By Soviet

It is not known what Russia has undertaken to export to Germany in cotton under the new German-Soviet agreement, but it may be assumed for certain, not to be less and probably considerably more than last year's exports, which are estimated at ninety thousand to one hundred thousand tons.

It is, indeed, believed that taking into account Germany's increasing use of artificial textile materials sufficient will be available from this source to provide the whole of Germany's cotton requirements for war purposes.

Evidence of direct exports of copper to Germany from Russia is also so far lacking.

It is considered probable, however, from a study of returns of exporting countries for 1937 and 1938 that Russia's imports of copper during 1940, including about 56,000 tons from the U.S.A., were in excess of her current requirements.

Ability To Supply

It is noted too that the Soviet's own production plans should have made the country self-sufficient in copper by the end of 1940.

Regarding oil drilling machinery and equipment, while actual amounts involved in exports from the U.S.A. to Russia and Germany of industrial equipment (machine drills, refining equipment and boring drills) may not appear considerable, it is nevertheless pointed out that their value to Russian output and indirectly to Russian ability to supply Germany is very great.

In the case of oil boring drills these can only be supplied by the U.S.A., since Germany is not in a position to produce high grade equipment which Russia needs in order to maintain or increase production of her oil fields.

All this industrial equipment is, in fact, raw material of Russian ability to produce and a few million dollars worth of such equipment may be of incalculable potential value in implementing Russian obligations to Germany under the German-Soviet pact.

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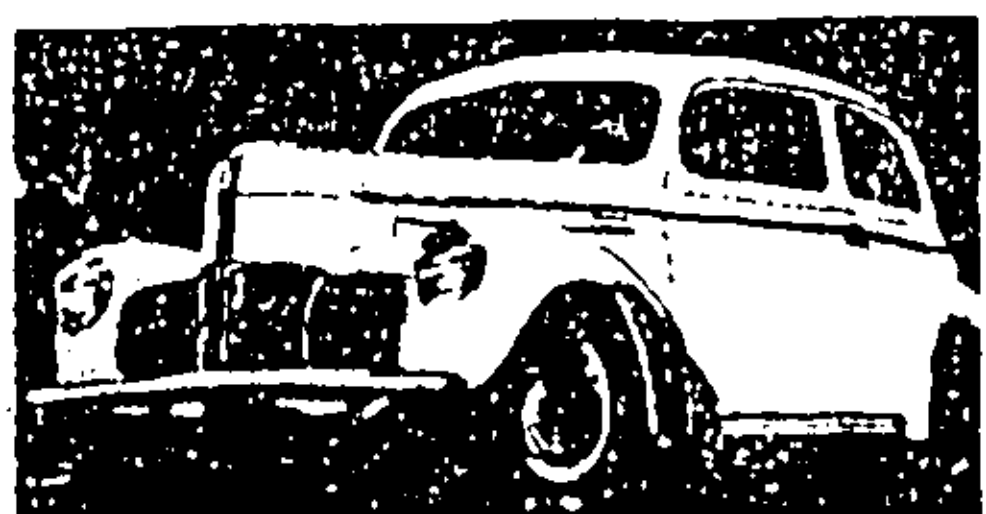
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One of Britain's most picturesque and historic forests is suffering, though indirectly, through Hitler's blitzkrieg.

German successes on the Continent have hit timber imports to Britain, and home production has had to be speeded up. That is why the Forest of Dean is now coming under the axe.

Top Speed

The Forestry Unit of the Royal Engineers, working in collaboration with the Forestry Commission, is engaged in the work of timber production in the Forest of Dean, which is in South-West England, between the rivers Severn and Wye.

Milling plant is working at top speed under Army direction, and fresh plants are soon to be established.

There is at least one tree in the forest which is safe from the woodmen, no matter how acute the timber shortage may be.

Historic Tree

That is the historic Great Oak of Newlands, which was mentioned in William the Conqueror's Domesday Book. Since the tree was exceptionally big in those days, it is now probably about a thousand years old.

Naturally it is decaying now, but enough of it still stands for its great age to be appreciable.

LONDON GETS A NIGHT ALERT

The ten-day lull in the night air war over London was broken by an early alert last night, shortly after which heavy gunfire was heard in the central districts. — Reuter.

EASTERN SUPPLY COUNCIL

Mr. Hydari, secretary of the Labour Department, has been appointed Government of India representative at the Eastern Group Supply Council, it was announced in New Delhi yesterday. — Reuter.

NURSE DEAD IN FLAT WITH PARSON

AFTER POLICE had discovered a nurse dead on a bed in a Bournemouth flat soon after midnight, a man lying unconscious on the floor was identified as the Rev. Eric Sherrin Tarrant, of The Vicarage, Wool, Dorset.

Mrs. Tarrant went to Bournemouth later, and after making a statement to the police saw her husband in hospital. He had recovered consciousness.

The flat is in Richmond Hill Drive. The nurse, Elsie J. Widgery, was employed at a home for elderly people at Parkstone.

There was a smell of gas in the room. The supply, regulated by a slot meter, had run out.

Apparently Miss Widgery did not go on duty at night and inquiries resulted in a police visit to her flat. They saw through the windows that something was wrong.

Miss Widgery was a well-educated woman aged about thirty-five. Her home was at South Molton, Devonshire, where her step-mother lives.

Before settling down in Dorset, Mr. Tarrant, who is aged fifty-one, had an adventurous career in the colony of St. Anthony, Newfoundland, where he was in

charge of a parish extending 120 miles.

Trains His Hobby

Model railways are his hobby. A year ago he was working on a locomotive which could draw ten passengers.

He often worked until after midnight on his lathe in the vicarage kitchen.

Mr. Tarrant, ordained in 1913, was appointed curate of St. James, Enfield Highway. He went to Newfoundland in 1915, returning in 1920 to become priest-in-charge of Bathgate Mission, Edinburgh.

After curacies at St. James Inverleith Road, Edinburgh, and St. Peter's Parkstone, he was appointed in 1929 perpetual curate of Wool with East Burton, where he

HUGE ARMoured CITADELS FOR THE NAVY

(By A Shipping Correspondent)

BRITAIN'S FIVE NEW BATTLESHIPS, WHEN IN SERVICE, WILL FORM THE FIRST COMPLETE SQUADRON OF NEW CAPITAL SHIPS TO JOIN THE ROYAL NAVY SINCE THE GREAT WAR.

Already the Navy has been reinforced by the first of the King George V. class, laid down in 1937. The King George V., Prince of Wales, Duke of York, Beatty and Jellicoe are the most formidable battleships ever built.

These 35,000-ton warships, costing £8,000,000 each, have bomb-proof plating and all the latest anti-aircraft devices.

Geared turbines, developing 130,000-horse power, will drive them through the water at a maximum designed speed of 30 knots. This is five knots faster than the speed of any existing British battleship.

Besides the main armament of 14in guns the new battleships will carry a secondary battery of 16 5.25in.

The 5.25in. gun is a new weapon for the Royal Navy. It was first mounted in the cruisers of the Bonaventure class in 1939. It is the result of long experiments and tests and has proved itself capable of attaining a high rate of fire combined with tremendous hitting power and accuracy at long range.

I am informed that this new gun, on past performances, is considered far superior to any naval medium-calibre piece developed by any other nation.

Like A Puzzle

Over a third of the displacement of these capital ships is devoted to armour protection. This will enable them to receive terrific punishment without their fighting efficiency being impaired.

Naval experts have compared to me the general design of their interiors with a Chinese puzzle-box. That is, separate inner hulls are fitted into the outer shell.

Magazines, engine and boiler rooms and all other interior vulnerable spaces are contained in the innermost "box" and surrounded by thick armour belts. In this way vital parts are completely isolated from the effects of explosions which might break the outer hull or even shatter the first of the inner hulls.

In the event of a hit by a torpedo, mine or shell, damage will be localised and the inrush of water confined to a small area of the hull.

Two thick belts of deck armour extending from side to side of the ships and covering all vulnerable compartments provide the maximum possible protection against plunging shell fire and aerial bombardment.

Even the bridges and gunnery control towers are enclosed in a heavily armoured citadel. And between the two funnels on each ship is a hangar to accommodate planes.

4-Gun Turret

In their armament King George V. and her sisters strike an entirely new note in British practice as the main battery of 10 14in. guns is mounted in two quadruple and one double turret. The four-gun turret was first used in the French battleship Dunkerque. But whereas the Dunkerque mounts 13in. guns, the 14in. guns of these new British battleships will be the heaviest weapons yet mounted in quadruple turrets.

No torpedo tubes will be mounted, as naval opinion, I am told, inclines to the view that torpedo work is no longer within the province of the capital ship, which can attack more effectively with her guns.

Each of our new battleships will carry a crew of 1,500 officers and men. They were launched considerably more advanced in equipment than is customary. And when this happens, the time of completion for sea trials, of course, correspondingly shorter.

GIRL IN DARK SAW MURDER

Sitting in the shadows behind the counter of a North London hotel, a girl was a mute witness of the murder of a friend and colleague.

As the strains of dance music from the crowded hotel lounge a few yards away mingled with the dull boom of A.A. guns, Gwendoline Cox, forty-two, the hotel off-licence manageress, fell dying behind the counter with a bullet from the revolver of a masked bandit in her chest.

And as the bandit stood, a smoking revolver in hand, the unseen witness of the tragedy ran into the lounge screaming. "Miss Cox has been shot!"

The band stopped playing, customers jumped to their feet, and the landlord vaulted the counter, ran into the off-licence, and found Miss Cox lying bleeding on the floor.

In her lap was a bottle which she had picked up to defend herself when the gunman, with two other men crashed into the little room during the air raid.

Died In Man's Arms

Kneeling down, the landlord placed his thumb in the wound in the dying woman's chest in a vain attempt to stop the bleeding. His wife ran to the door and heard in the darkness the sound of a high-powered car being driven away. Gwendoline Cox never recovered consciousness. She died in the landlord's arms.

It was at nine o'clock at night that the door of the off-licence of the Alexandra Park Tavern, High Road, Wood Green, swung open. A man walked in and asked Miss Cox for a brand of cigarettes she did not stock.

Miss Cox's friend, Alice Higgins, was sitting in the shadows. A few seconds later three men entered. One of them had a black silk handkerchief over the lower part of his face and his overcoat collar turned up.

This man pointed a revolver at Miss Cox.

The story of what happened then has been told to the landlord by Miss Higgins.

"The man said, 'I want the money. Put your hands up,' the landlord told a reporter. 'I should say so,' Miss Cox said. Then she picked up a bottle to defend herself.

"At close range the man, who suddenly saw Miss Higgins jump to her feet, fired a bullet at Miss Cox. Miss Higgins was able to give the police good descriptions of the men.

"Miss Cox's home was at Scarborough. She was not afraid of anything, even air raids."

DIVORCE AFTER 45 YEARS

Married forty-five years ago, Mr. Orton Watson, of Beaumont Road, Bradford, was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court because of desertion by his wife, Sarah Ann.

Mr. Watson's case was that his wife went to her two daughters in Australia in 1922, and had never returned.

PETAÏN TO MEET HITLER SHORTLY

Hitler and Marshal Petaï may meet again shortly, according to Ankara radio, which declared last night that there were "certain persistent reports" suggesting such a move.

Vichy's representative in Paris, the Count de Brinon, has just returned with Hitler's reply to Marshal Petaï's recent Note.—Reuter.

NAVAL BUILDING BILL PASSED

The Bill authorising the allocation of \$909,000,000 for expanding naval construction facilities and building 400 small Navy craft, was passed by the U.S. Senate yesterday and sent to the White House for signature.

Minesweepers and submarine chasers are included among craft to be built.—Reuter.

FIVE BEHEADED IN BERLIN

Five traitors were beheaded in Berlin recently. They were all condemned for revealing secrets to foreign powers.—Associated Press.

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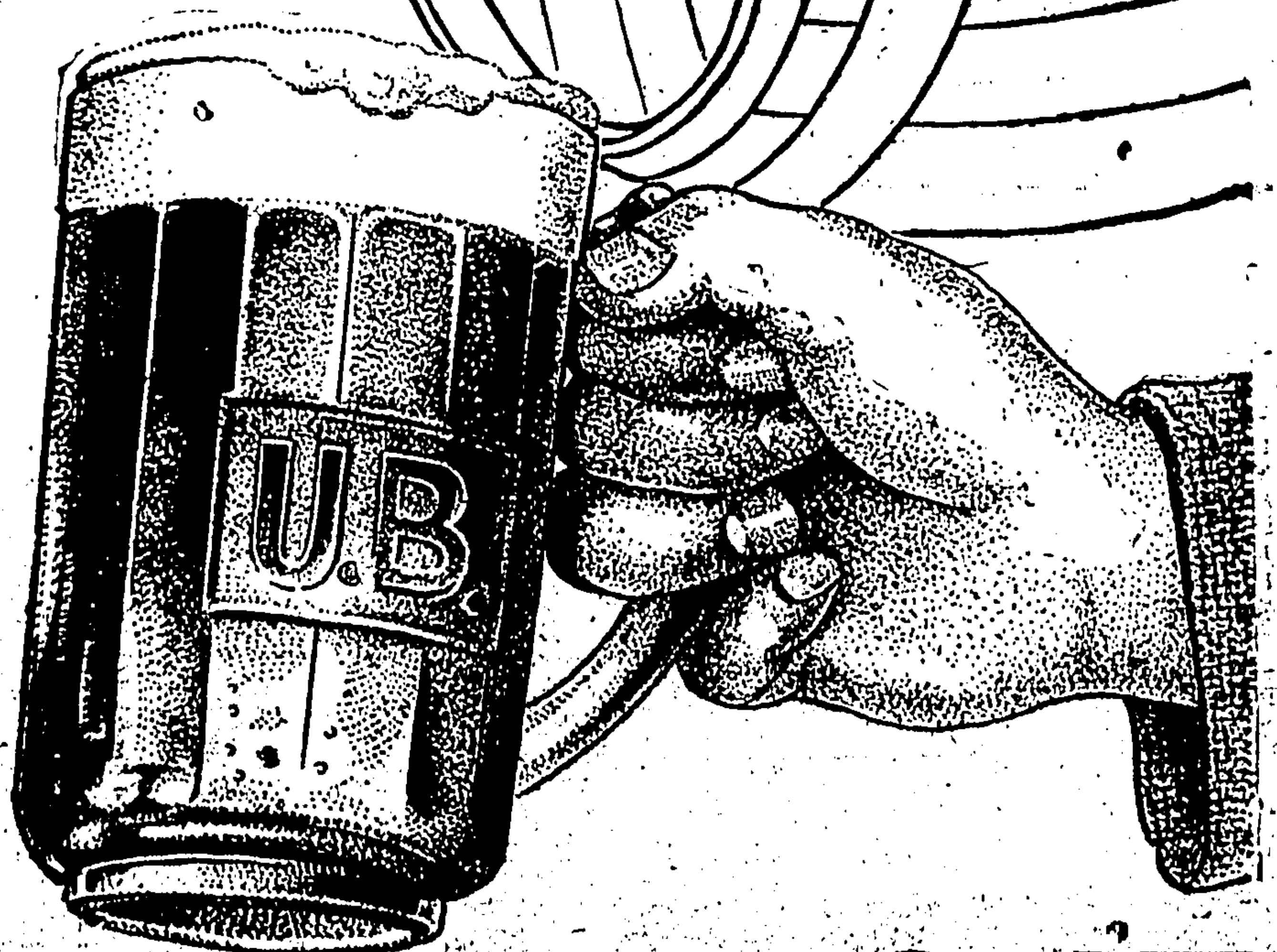
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HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be HELD at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 11th February, 1941, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 1st February to TUESDAY, 11th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hong Kong, 21st January, 1941.

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BIDDING HIS TIME

By The Four Aces

West gained a trick by refusing to overruff in to-day's hand:

East, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
♠ 9 5 2
♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ J
♣ K J 10 6 3
♠ A 10
♥ 10 9 8
♦ A 7 6 5 4
♣ Q 7 4
♠ K J 8 7
♥ 4 3
♦ A K Q
♣ 9 5 2
♠ Q 6
♥ J 5 3
♦ K Q 10 9 3 2
♣ A 8

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♠	2♦	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the Ace of spades and continued with the ten. East taking the spade King. East continued with the Jack of spades, and South cautiously discarded a heart instead of ruffing. West also discarded a heart, and East then laid down three top hearts.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

ACE...3
KING...2
QUEEN...1
JACK...1/2

TOTAL VALUE OF PACK 67 1/2
AVERAGE HAND 67 1/2

On the third round of hearts, South played the nine of trumps, and West discarded a low club instead of overruffing. He knew it could cost him nothing to bide his time, and that it would probably gain him a trick. Regardless of which player had the Ace of clubs (and West could be pretty sure that South had it) the Queen of clubs had no trick-taking power and could be unguarded without risk. The effect of the trick, therefore, was to weaken South's trump holding while leaving West's trumps intact.

After winning the heart ruff, South led the deuce of trumps to dummy's Jack, and West played low in the hope that East had the singleton King or Queen. Dummy then cashed the club King and South regained the lead with the club Ace to lead the King of diamonds. West won with the diamond Ace and returned a trump, later winning another trump trick. Note, however, that West would have won only one trump trick if he had overruffed on the third round of hearts; for then his four remaining trumps could have been drawn by South's four honours.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 8 3
♥ A
♦ J 9 7 6 4
♣ Q 9 8 3

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Jacoby	Maler
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
(7)			

ANSWER: Bid three spades. This is not a sign-off or a show of weakness, but is a forward-looking bid which offers a choice of game contracts to a partner who has already shown a strong hand. You are not sure whether spades or no-trump offers the best play for game; hence you give your partner the choice.

Score 100% for three spades; 60% for the three no-trump; 40% for three clubs.

Question No. 626

To-day you are Merwin D. Maler's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 5 3 2
♥ Q J 6 4
♦ 7
♣ K 6 5 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Maler	Jacoby	You
1♥	2♦	Dbl.	(?)

What do you bid? — (Answer tomorrow.)

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Clothes may not make the man but they certainly do a lot to back up what he's got.

GIRL STABBER MOON MANIAC?

A young man in black, wheeling a black bicycle and shuffling along as though in heavy boots, is believed to have been afflicted by "moon madness" when he stabbed two young girls under a full moon in the South Mead area of Bristol.

Police are searching the district and fathers, brothers and sweethearts are escorting their women-folk in the black-out to guard them against further attacks.

The two girls who were stabbed are Olive Cumberpatch, twenty, of Tortworth Road, and Gwendoline Pinent, sixteen, of Fonthill Road.

Curious Shuffle

Miss Pinent, who works at a local laundry, said: "I noticed a short, stocky young man loitering in the road. He kept passing me, then dropping back."

"He had heavy boots on and walked with a curious shuffle. His cap was over his face."

"There was a big yellow and orange full moon coming up at the time so I could see him plainly, though I never got a glimpse of his face."

"Suddenly he put his bike against a tree and the next moment I felt a blow on my shoulder. I realised blood was pouring down my back and shouted for help."

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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ILLEGAL SNAPS: GAOLED

A man who is the son of a German doctor and is second in command of the local Home Guard was sent to prison for three months, fined £80, and ordered to pay £2 15s. costs by Arundel County Bench, on two charges of photographing British aircraft and one charge of photographing a radio station.

The man, William Treutler

Holmes, thirty-seven, at first pleaded not guilty, but later amended his plea to one of guilty.

Superintendent F. C. Peel said Holmes had been engaged at a naval air station, where he took the photographs.

Thomas Spencer, a fitter at the aerodrome, said he noticed Holmes with the bottom button of his coat fastened, while the two above it were open. He was standing against a wire fence and put his hand into his coat and bent over. On the other side of the fence was a British aircraft of new design. Other witnesses corroborated.

Harold Henry Sinclair, of Arundel, said Holmes was in his employ at an aerodrome. Witness was in command of the Home Guard in the borough and Holmes was his deputy. Holmes used to lecture to the N.C.O.s on aircraft.

On Holmes's behalf it was stated that he took the photographs in question for the purpose of lectures.

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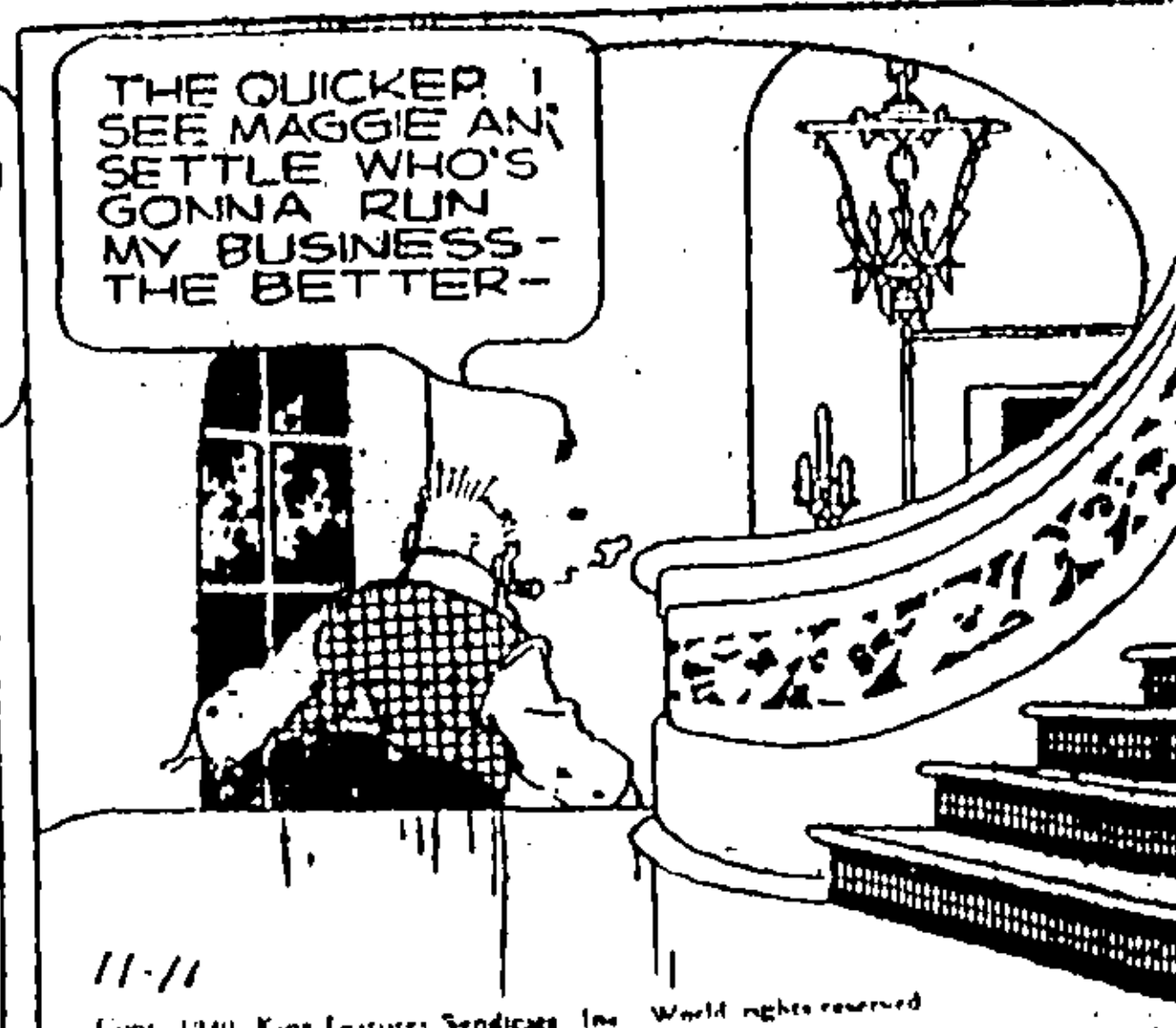
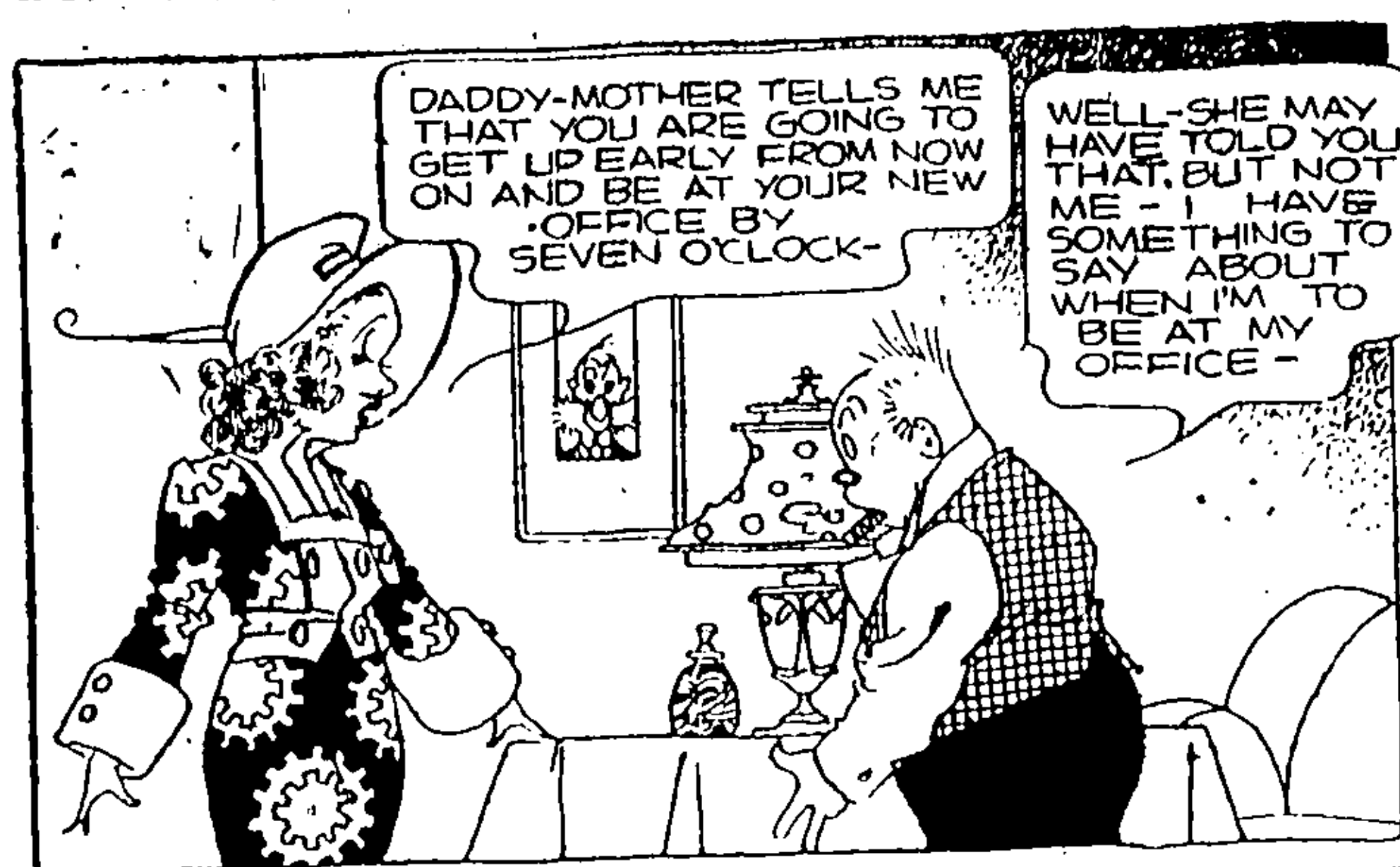
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Scalp Treatment

The treatment of dandruff properly falls to the physician, but unfortunately little research has been done on dandruff by the medical profession. So naturally the so-called scalp specialists have been forced to offer corrective treatments to the best of their knowledge.

One theory advanced is that gentle handling of the hair is necessary when dandruff is present. To quote Henley on the subject: "Dandruff scales should be removed only when entirely detached from the scalp. These scales result from an irritation which is increased by forcible removal, and hence endeavours to clean the hair from them by combing or brushing it, in such a way as to scrape the scalp, are liable to be worse than useless."

Suggested Treatment

If ordinary tonics and weekly shampoos with tincture of green soap have not corrected a dandruff condition, more potent treatment is indicated.

Women who have dyed or tinted hair should strip the hair of all colour before beginning a dandruff treatment for the lotions used are quite likely to change the artificial colour to a startling hue!

Henley proceeds, in his article on dandruff, to suggest the use of a sulphur lotion made by placing a little sublimed sulphur in water, shaking well, and then allowing to settle. The head is washed in the clear liquid every morning.

"Sulphur is said to be insoluble in water," he states, "yet a sulphur water made as above indicated has long been in use as a hair wash. A little glycerine improves the preparation, preventing the hair from becoming harsh by repeated washings."

Begin Treatment Immediately

If you are aware of a dandruff condition you should begin corrective treatment at once. Per-



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haps an able scalp specialist is in your city. If so your problem is simplified by putting your head in his hands if you can afford treatments. Otherwise you should intelligently care for your scalp at home.

Begin with having physical examination to make certain that no ailment is robbing your scalp of sufficient nourishment, and then check on the scalp aids you

have been using. Put them aside while you treat your scalp with the mentioned sulphur lotion and shampoo it with a Pine-Tar Shampoo which your druggist can mix for you.

Be sure that your combs and brushes are sterilised each day while you are treating your scalp. After washing them with soapy warm water, rinse them in a solution of clear water and a germicide. Dry thoroughly in the sun afterward. Also clean your hat bands with a cleansing fluid at least twice a week and do not try on hats in a shop during the treatment. Although it has never been isolated, some physicians believe that dandruff is caused by a parasite which can be passed from one to another.

Found--One New Dish!

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(1) Meadow Pottage. Two pounds of potatoes, 1lb spinach, one meat extract cube, stale bread, fat.

Peel the potatoes and cut them into chunks. Cover them with water, add a little fat, salt and the meat extract cube. Cook until mashy.

Wash the spinach and chop it. Add it to the potatoes and cook for another four minutes. Season with a little nutmeg, if you like it.

Fry or toast stale bread. Place the bread into deep plates and pour the hot potato-spinach mixture over it.

Serve at once to prevent the bread from getting too soaked.

(2) Pudding Pottage. Chop mixed vegetables (any kind). Just cover with water and start cooking, seasoned with salt and pepper.

Make a suet pastry, roll out into thick disc. Place a ball of sausage-meat in the centre, gather the pastry around it, close the

edges at the top.

Fold a clean cloth over it, tie the top ends together. Put this into the vegetables and cook until done.

Move the pudding once in a while to prevent burning.

Cook very gently. When done, remove the cloth, place the pudding in a tureen or deep dish, and pour the vegetables with their stock over it.

(3) Fish Pottage. Fish bones, carrots, leek, celery mixed herbs, suet pastry.

Cover the fish bones with water and start cooking.

Cut carrots lengthwise into halves or quarters, cut leek and celery into inch-long pieces and add to the fish stock.

Cook until vegetables are done, about fifteen-twenty minutes. Strain, keeping the stock.

Separate the vegetables from the fish bones and add the vegetables to the stock. Season with salt, pepper and add a little mixed herbs.

Make an ordinary suet pastry, shape small balls with it, turn in flour, and cook in the fish stock until done. Serve in deep plates.

(4) Guardian's Pottage. Split peas, carrots, parsnips, fine oatmeal, flour and suet.

Soak ½ pint of split peas in 1½ pints of water overnight.

Next day bring to the boil in the water in which they have soaked. Add sliced carrots and parsnips. Cook gently until mashed

(about forty-five minutes).

Rub 6oz. suet into a mixture of 4oz. flour and 8oz. very fine oatmeal, add enough water to make a firm pastry, salt to taste.

Shape small balls, turn them in flour and cook in the peas until done. Serve in deep plates.

(5) Polish Pottage.

Five level tablespoons barley, 1½ pints water, a little fat, ½ pint of milk, one large or two small cooked beetroots, vinegar, sugar.

Bring barley, water and fat very slowly to the boil, add salt to taste. Cook for ten-fifteen minutes. Cover tightly with a lid and leave for at least one hour.

If necessary, cook once more until barley is done (it takes less cooking time this way).

Add milk and the chopped cooked beetroot, taste for a little vinegar and sugar. Heat once more quickly and serve at once in deep plates.

(6) Bean Pottage. Soak ½ pint of butterbeans in one quart of water overnight.

Next day, bring slowly to the boil with bacon rinds or odd bits of bacon, a few pieces of leeks and a chopped tomato.

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—The Hill Billies, Molly Picon and Reginald Dixon in Variety.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra and Essie Ackland (Contraalto).

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Alfred Cortot at the Piano.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Raymond Newell (Baritone) in a Light Orchestral Concert.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Variety.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

VICAR HAD TEN LITTLE EVACUEES---

The seventy-year-old bachelor vicar of a Yorkshire village, who, as part of his war effort, willingly had ten evacuee children billeted on him, has written to the Minister of Health protesting that the local council has taken some of the children away from him.

Vicar of Laithkirk, near Barnard Castle, the Rev. J. W. Brent, had kept only a bedroom and study of his big old vicarage for his own use. The other six rooms and the fine garden had become a children's paradise.

All the youngsters, aged between five and seven, had the time of their lives. The vicar took them to the pictures, piled them in his car for country jaunts, and gave them the run of his garden.

But to look after all of them himself was obviously impossible, so he found two voluntary helpers who worked hard all day.

Taken Home

Imagine his astonishment at the action of the Startforth Rural District Council after he had tentatively asked whether the Government paid billeting allowances for these helpers.

In official language he learned that "the committee recommended that the children billeted on him should be removed to other billets."

There were by this time only five children. The parents of the other five appreciated all that the vicar had done, but they decided that they missed their children too much, and had taken them home.

"I have been vicar here for twenty-five years," Mr. Brent told a reporter.

"I am a bachelor, and do my own cooking. Some months ago I received a circular asking if I would be willing to take evacuee children. I replied that I would, and approached two voluntary helpers who were willing to come and do their best."

Shortly after the children arrived the vicar wrote to the District Council asking about the billeting allowances for his helpers.

Then he saw a report of the Council meeting in which it was stated that the committee recommended that the children be removed to other billets.

Boys in Tears

"There were three boys and two girls at the vicarage then," the vicar said. They were to have been removed but only three have gone.

"The other two, both boys, are still here, but their billeting allowances have been cancelled. Their mothers were present when the billeting officers came and refused to allow them to be re-billeted. The boys were in tears at the prospect."

"My helpers and I have done all we can to make the children happy," Mr. Brent added. "I have taken the children into the country in my car. On Saturdays I used to make two journeys to the picture theatre, and on wet mornings I have taken the children to school in the car."

TRAPPED—SAVED BY A DOG

The frantic barking of a dog beneath the wreckage saved the life of a man trapped under tons of debris in a bombed London basement.

It was not thought possible that there could be any more survivors and the rescue work had been given up for hours.

Then the rescue squad heard the dog. They dug down and tunnelled towards the sound.

At last they came upon the animal—Mina, a black retriever bitch—and behind her, pinned down by a heavy beam across his legs, was a man—Mr. Charles Paynter.

But the rescue problem was not yet solved.

Mina, injured and frightened, would not let the workers pass her to reach the man.

They could not drag her out, since her hindquarters were imprisoned. Eventually, a veterinary surgeon was called and gave her a morphia injection. With a motor-car jack the dog was released, and work was started to free Mr. Paynter, who was lying in bed unable to move.

Asked About The Dog

After his head and shoulders had been uncovered, he smiled, refused a cup of tea and cigarette, and asked if the dog was all right.

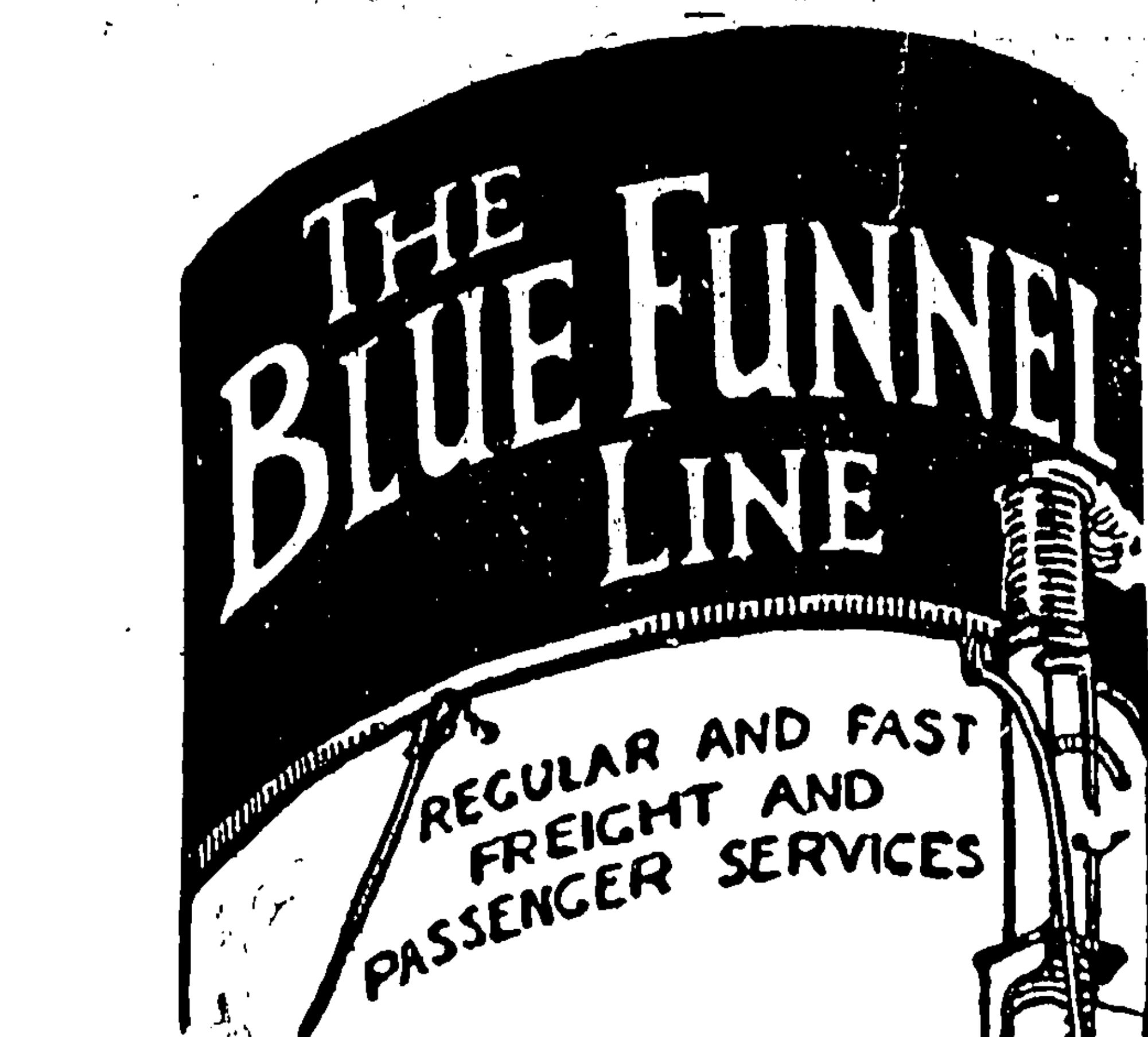
"I can stick it a bit longer," he said, "but that dog must be in a hell of a state."

A derrick of scaffold poles was erected to ease the man from his prison. As a doctor and A.R.P. men worked to free him from the beam which was cutting through his legs, he talked cheerfully.

"His pluck was beyond imagination," said one worker. "I've never known such a plucked 'un."

He told me, 'I'm all right because I'm still in bed.' But that beam was cutting through his legs. The pain must have been terrible."

Paynter was released after seven hours.



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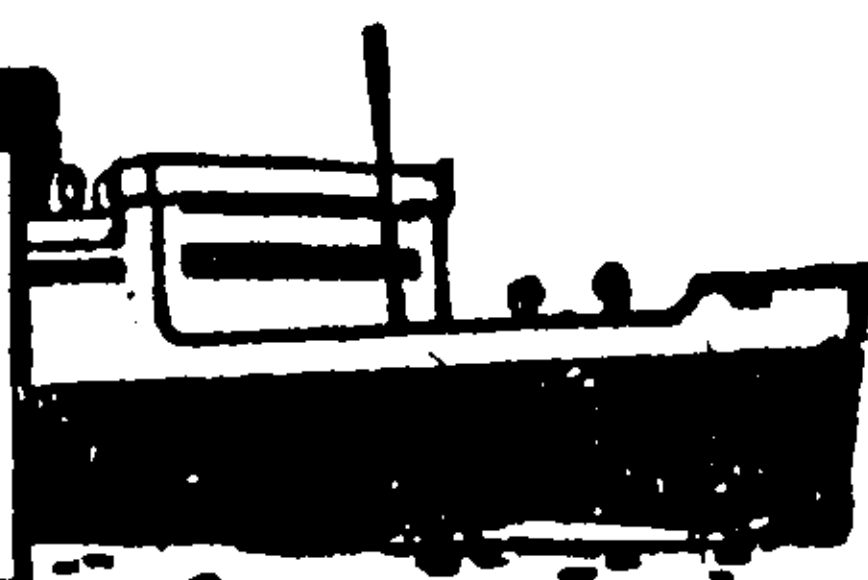
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First Round:—S. L. Lloyd (10) beat A. J. Dennis (10) five and four; K. S. Robertson (6) beat G. Thomerson (20) three and two; A. B. Purves (10) beat H. A. Mills (17) three and two.

Second Round:—T. Megarry received a walk-over from M. L. Reidy, who scratched; W. S. Hillier (10) beat A. W. Brown (9) two and one; T. Low (12) beat W. C. Shewan (8) six and four; J. Linaker (15) beat S. L. Lloyd four and two; A. B. Purves beat K. S. Robertson three and two; F. A. Howard (17) beat J. W. Clague (16) four and three; H. Overy (18) beat A. H. McBride (12) four and three; G. M. Park (7) beat F. C. Young (14) seven and six.

Stubbs Shield

The following were the results in the second and third rounds of the Stubbs Shield Competition:

Second Round:—H.K.S.R.A. beat Gilman and Co. on a walk-over; Army Audit Staff beat 12th Heavy Regt. R.A.; Public Works Dept. beat Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank four and three; Education Dept. beat R.A.O.C. on a walk-over; 5th A.A. Regt. R.A.; beat Dairy Farm Co. four and two; A.R.P. Wardens beat John D. Hutchison and Co. six and four; Butterfield and Swires beat Post Office Dept. five and four; Dodwell and Co. beat Government Medical Dept. three and two.

Third Round:—H.K.S.R.A. beat Army Audit Staff; Public Works Dept. beat Education Dept. six and four; 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. beat A.R.P. Wardens five and three; Butterfield and Swires beat Dodwell and Co., three and two.

New Year Meeting

The Bogey Par Pool over the New Course, Fanling, during the Chinese New Year meeting attracted 30 entries and was won by D. S. Edward (5) who was three up. The Bogey Par Pool over the Old Course attracted 22 entries and was won by D. S. Robb (7) who was two down. The Medal round over the Old Course was won by S. L. Lloyd with a card of 80-9 71. There were 23 entries.

The Mixed Competition at Fanling and the Happy Valley (Bogey Par) were cancelled.

FORGERY OF A CERTIFICATE

A fine of \$100, or three months' hard labour, was imposed by Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning, on Lee Long, 33, travelling trader, for uttering a forged certificate of entry to the Straits Settlements to a Chinese, Wong Wang, on January 11.

It was alleged that the forged certificate was given to Wong by accused on board the s.s. Yuen Sang, for the purpose of going to Singapore.

POCKETS PICKED AT THEATRE

While purchasing tickets yesterday at the Central Theatre, Queen's Road West, two Chinese, Wong Chi-hung and Yuen King-sang, had their pocket-books, containing \$145.70, and \$147, respectively, stolen.

FAILED TO REPORT TO POLICE

Pleading guilty to breaking into a hut in Ha Yuen Village on Tuesday afternoon, and stealing two suit cases, Fung Chung, 28, under police supervision, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

An additional two months was imposed on him for failing to report at Mongkok Police Station in August.

INGOTS STOLEN

Five nickle ingots, valued at \$300, were reported to have been stolen from No. 14, Whitefield Road yesterday.

Mr. E. Wong, of No. 220, Prince Edward Road, has reported the theft of an electric motor pump, valued at \$40, from his residence, yesterday afternoon.

PROMISES OF NO AVAIL TO DEPORTEE

A COLOURFUL STORY of how he was arrested by the Japanese at Po-An and sent back to Hong Kong; and how his native village was invaded by the Japanese who slaughtered the farmers; and a solemn promise that, if released, he would be willing to subscribe one-third of his property to British war funds and the rest to local charities, were the highspots of an appeal against sentence brought by a convicted deportee before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Appeal Court this morning.

EUROPEAN ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Summoned for assaulting Wu Ping, a driver employed by the Kowloon Motorbus Company, on January 12, at Tsimshatsui, W. T. Stoneham, of No. 33B, Hillwood Road, appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, appearing for the driver, said that at 9.07 p.m. Wu Ping, driving a No. 1 Route bus arrived at the Star Ferry terminus. When the bus was about to park near the platform, accused boarded the bus and struck the driver on the back of the neck. The driver turned his head round and accused, alleged Mr. Brooks, struck him in the face, causing the mouth and nose to bleed.

The driver left the bus and ran into the terminus office followed by accused. A telephone message was sent to Water Police Station and a European detective came down and accompanied both parties to the station. Stoneham admitted having struck the driver only once. He was very much annoyed as he was struck by the bus when he was about to cross to the platform.

Accused was cautioned and ordered to pay \$7 compensation to the driver.

INDIAN A.S.C. MAN CHARGED

Private Ghulam, Mohammed, 25, of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps, appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning charged with burglary. Accused pleaded not guilty.

Det.-Sgt. Bethell said that accused was stationed at Whitfield Barracks where there was a store. The store was found open at 1.45 a.m. on Monday by a foki, who switched on the light and found accused inside. The foki asked accused what was he doing there but accused said nothing and ran.

The foki reported the matter to one of the officials, who went to accused's quarters and arrested him. A check was later made and \$5 in coins, six apples and a tin of milk were missing from the store.

Accused was remanded for 24 hours in military custody for examination of his finger prints.

CRACKER THROWER FINED

For discharging firecrackers in a manner dangerous to public safety in Portland Street on Tuesday, Lam Yiu, 18, tailor, was fined \$1 by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Accused threw the firecrackers on to the verandahs of houses in Portland Street.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is stationary over China; it continues to increase in intensity and is extending southward and eastward, pressure remaining highest to the north of the lower Yangtse Valley.

The depression continues to move north-eastward; it is now situated to the south of Hokkaido and has become deeper.

Appellant, Cheung Kwok-hing, sentenced to 12 months' hard labour in September last year for a breach of the Deportation Ordinance, submitted that the sentence was too severe.

Appellant, however, did not say anything in support of the appeal which was eventually dismissed by the Chief Justice.

The appellant said he never wanted to return to Hong Kong. He was caught at Po-An by the Japanese and sent back to Hong Kong where he stayed against his wish since it was his intention to leave for Macao to join his family. He returned to his native village and found his father dead and his uncle in control of the family property. His native place was later invaded by the Japanese who slaughtered most of the villagers.

He added that two of his children were still detained by the Japanese military and asked His Lordship to deal with him leniently and reduce his sentence so that he could return to the village where some of his property would be returned to him by the Japanese and his children released as well. He continued that if he stayed in gaol longer, he would certainly find his children dead by the time he returned to the village.

Appellant made a promise that should he be released he would be willing to subscribe one-third of his property to war funds of the British Empire, and two-thirds to other charities in the Colony.

If he was arrested again he would willingly accept any punishment—no matter how severe—that was imposed.

TIPPED PEER TEN BOB

Lord Langford, pressed into service as a witness for a wedding at Caxton Hall Register Office, was given 10s. as a tip by the grateful bridegroom, a soldier.

Lord Langford happened to be in the office in connection with another matter when the soldier and his bride arrived.

They had only one witness with them, and, as a second had to be found in a hurry the registrar asked Lord Langford—not knowing who he was—to oblige.

Once A Labourer

When Lord Langford signed his name, the registrar realised his identity, but the soldier did not, and pressed a 10s. note into his hand.

Before Lord Langford succeeded to his title in 1931, there were times when he would have been glad of an unexpected 10s.

He was working as a labourer in Australia, and his wife was a London waitress when the death of his uncle made him a peer.

He had to work his passage home.

CENTRAL DISTRICT CAR THEFTS

Thefts from private cars occurred during the last few days in the Central District.

A quantity of clothing, valued at \$92, was stolen from a car parked in Connaught Road park on Tuesday night. The clothing belonged to Mr. D. W. Hume, of "Woodside", Bay View.

Mr. D. W. Morley, of No. 14, Felix Villas, reported that a raincoat, and a felt hat, to the value of \$40, were stolen from his car, which was parked outside the Hong Kong Bank Building between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. yesterday.

IAN HAY RESIGNS FROM W.O.

THE WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT MAJOR-GENERAL BEITH (IAN HAY, THE WELL-KNOWN NOVELIST) HAS RESIGNED HIS APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS IN THE WAR OFFICE.

The resignation was accepted by Mr. Eden with great regret, and appreciation was expressed of Major-General Beith's great services to the Army.

Colonel Walter Elliott has been appointed to succeed him. — Reuter.

HERTZOG TO BE PENSIONED

THE EX-PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA, GENERAL HERTZOG, WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED FROM PARLIAMENT, WILL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL PENSION OF £2,000 UNDER A SPECIAL BILL INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY AMID CHEERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE HOUSE.

General Hertzog, who is the first Union Premier to receive a pension, had an unbroken spell of over 30 years of parliamentary life beginning with the Union. — Reuter.

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CRAIGENGOWER'S SPLENDID DISPLAY AGAINST C.S.C.C.

Good Bowling By A. K. Ismail And Baker

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By "Adrem"

A GOOD DEAL has already been said and written about the Senior League cricket match on Saturday between University and Kowloon Cricket Club, in which the senior champions were held to a draw, and I see no point in pursuing a subject which I feel sure must be becoming tiresome to cricketers not directly concerned with the match.

COLONY OPEN JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT

With one day to go before entries are declared closed, the number of players entered for the Colony Open Junior Chess Championship by yesterday evening numbered 13.

It is expected that at least 16 players will participate and anywhere up to a half-dozen entries may be looked forward to to-day. Entries may be posted to-day to the Hon. Secretary of the Colony Chess Championship Committee, Mr. A. Kurrik, care of the Government Analysts Department, and will be accepted even should they not reach their destination until the morning mail distribution. However, such entries will have to be postmarked Jan. 30.

Owing to the large number of entries already received, the Tournament will be a one-round affair with allotment of white and black to players covered by the draw in conjunction with the time-table. One game a week will be played, and the Kowloon Chess Club will place their room at the Peninsula Hotel at the disposal of competitors on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5.30 p.m.

Players already entered for the Tournament are J. H. Almeida, R. C. Danenberg, D. Drake, R. C. Gardner, J. Grefalda, V. V. Kolatichoff, Wm. Lee, A. Morton, E. Petrove, A. C. Picupard, J. Tausz, To Yu-lau and Un Kwai-yung.

LAWN BOWLS MATCH ON SUNDAY

Following are the teams for the friendly lawn bowls match between Kowloon Cricket Club and the Volunteer Sergeants Mess. The game takes place on Sunday commencing at 2.45 p.m.:

K.C.C.		RINK NO. 1	
R. S. Capell	(Skip)	C. S. M. Baskett	Sergeants
S. A. Gray		C. Q. M. S. Spary	
R. Wellwood		Sgt. Carr	
J. Fraser		Sgt. Rakusen	
(Skip)		(Skip)	
RINK NO. 2		RINK NO. 3	
R. T. Brown	(Skip)	Sgt. Geall	
E. Abraham		P/Major Mackie	
A. W. Smith		Sgt. Lockhart	
V. C. Labrum		C.Q.M.S. Fincher	
(Skip)		(Skip)	
RINK NO. 4		RINK NO. 5	
F. A. Broadbridge		Sgt. Skinner	
A. N. Other		C.Q.M.S. Butler	
N. A. E. Mackay		B. S. M. Walker	
T. A. Madhr		C.Q.M.S. Silva	
(Skip)		(Skip)	
RINK NO. 6		RINK NO. 7	
D. Glover		Sgt. Skinner	
R. T. Burch		C.Q.M.S. Butler	
E. C. Curtis		B. S. M. Walker	
G. E. Taylor		C.Q.M.S. Silva	
(Skip)		(Skip)	



HIGH SCORES IN FRIENDLY ENCOUNTERS

By "Adrem"

Three friendly cricket matches were played on Saturday and although scoring in some cases was high, there was little interest owing to the fact that such batsmen who did come off, were not up against very much in the way of bowling.

H.K.C.C. "A", opposed by only seven Policemen, did virtually as they liked with the bat. Both Pope and Lewis, the only real bowlers in the Police team, were away and it was left to Carey to bear the brunt of the attack. He did his best and took 3 for 66 in 14 overs but Parsons, Booker, Bishop and Owen Hughes all ran up big scores and Club declared at 193 for 3.

Carey was again in the picture when Police batted and if it had not been for his gallant innings of 41, scored out of the 77, which the seven players managed to aggregate, it is possible that Police would not have scored 30.

At Central British School, the cricket was never very clever, Pay Corps being skittled out for 45—Gillespie 4 for 17—and R.A.F. scoring 114 for 7 to win by eight wickets. Smart bowled successfully for the Pay Blokes to take 3 for 19.

A strong Army second eleven had an afternoon out against Craigengower, who were sadly depleted owing to the calls of the first team. Ratcliffe, who is an excellent Second Division batsman, hit breezily for 88, Webb and Logan, the Senior players, had some practice, and Aley of the Royals also helped himself to a few. Result was a declaration at 182 with only three wickets down.

For Craigengower Esmail and Stanley Leonard made a few but for the most part the innings was just a procession. Army winning comfortably by 70 runs.

In the other Senior game, Craigengower did a good job of work when they beat their neighbours Civil Service Cricket Club.

There is little doubt that it was Craigengower's bowlers who carried them through, although it is equally certain that these bowlers would not have met with so much success if it had not been for the splendid support given them by their field.

I am told that every chance put up was accepted and some of the catches taken were exceptionally brilliant.

It is noteworthy that two members of the C.C.C. junior side, which is considered to have a good chance of winning the junior title, did not do at all badly. In senior company, E. A. Lee made the second highest score of the match, while A. M. Omar, the junior captain, not only made a very useful 11 but opened the bowling and was the steadiest trundler on display, taking 2 for 20 in 10 overs.

George Souza returned to form at long last and made 26 of the Craigengower's total of 119 but the finest C.C.C. performance was left-handed Ismail's 5 for 16, which put paid to any chance Civil Service might have had of winning after Richardson had been run out.

For Civil Service Baker again demonstrated his claims to being the best stock bowler in the Colony and was in brilliant form. He was well-nigh unplayable throughout and finished with 6 for 28, the finest performance of the match.

C.C.C. JUNIOR ELEVEN

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a Second Division League cricket match on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m., on the home ground:—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. I. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, F. A. Lee, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

ARMY RUGBY

COMBINED SMALL UNITS XV DEFEATED BY THE R.A.

PLAYING AGAINST the Royal Artillery, in the Army Large Units Rugby League, at Sookunpoo yesterday, Combined Small Units took a considerable time to settle down to the game, with the result that they were six points (two tries) in arrears when the half-time whistle went, and lost 5-9.

Lack of understanding, and absence of team work, was largely responsible for their losing the game.

The second half was more exciting. Neither side was able to score until about 10 minutes before the end when the R.A. increased their lead by another try. Within three minutes of the end, Small Units reduced the deficit by a goal. The score, when the final whistle went, was 9 points (3 tries) to 5 (one goal) in favour of the Royal Artillery.

The teams were:—ROYAL ARTILLERY: — Fair-

clough; Marsh; Skipworth; Keeble; Richards; Dawson; Hook; Dumpers; Eddison; Hicks; Page; Heath; Turner; McDermitt and Cooke.

SMALL UNITS: — Hamlin; Allen; Pollock; Lithauer; McDonald; Coombes; Scriven; Mohan; Gash; Manfield; Crew; Stockham; Beeton-Stedman; Chandler; and McPherson.

Royal Scots Win

In another match, in the same League and played at Sookunpoo, Royal Scots beat Middlesex by 31-3 in a very one-sided game.

KOWLOON'S TITLE PROSPECTS IMPROVE

By "Adrem"

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB improved their Junior Championship prospects on Saturday when they beat the hitherto unbeaten Recreio team by six wickets.

Recreio's earlier batsmen found little difficulty in scoring runs against Kowloon's opening attack and over 70 runs were on the board with only four wickets down—a nice beginning having regard to the difficulty of scoring boundaries on the King's Park ground.

When Kowloon's spin bowlers were put on, however, a remarkable collapse ensued and the remaining six wickets could only muster a further seven runs, the innings closing for 80.

Cause of the damage were Taylor and Baldwin, who, between them took six wickets for nineteen runs.

I have consistently maintained that Baldwin should be tried out for the first team and I still contend that he is better than Junior Division standard.

The K.C.C. senior team have only four bowlers and if they are collared there is little more to be done. In addition to being a good spin bowler, Baldwin is an excellent field being a remarkably safe catch while, although his batting is unlikely to be needed, he can hit very hard on occasion and is just the type of man to hit a good bowler off his length.

M. A. Remedios and F. J. Remedios were the only Recreio batsmen to meet with any success both being in the twenties, and the next highest score was Silva's nine.

Silva, who has been the most successful junior cricketer of the season, had a very lean match as he only took one wicket, and that at a cost of 23 runs.

Set with only 81 to get to win—not altogether a simple problem on the Recreio ground, Kowloon's batsmen rose to the occasion in grand style. Baxter and Rapley put on 42 for the first wicket and succeeding batsmen all got a few, the runs being knocked off with something to spare.

Batsmen's Match

Bowlers had a sorry time of it at Pokfulum, where Civil Service drew with University. Only eight wickets fell in the course of the afternoon, one being the result of a run out.

Feature of the match was a fine partnership between the veteran John Barrow and young Stone, which realised 117 runs in 70 minutes. Whereas Barrow was rather restrained, Stone hit with the vigour of youth and scored his runs at well over a run a minute. His best scoring shots were 15 boundaries.

Set to score 150 to win, University were never in any difficulty thanks to the fine form of Kenneth Lo, although it must also be said that they never looked like forcing a win. Lo batted right through the innings for 53 and, although none of the other batsmen reached double-figures, they all stayed for a bit.

K.C.C. CRICKET SELECTION

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club in League cricket matches on Saturday:—

First XI (v I.R.C., Home) — E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, D. Hung, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, R. E. Lee, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge, E. F. Fincher and N. A. E. Mackay. Scorer — T. W. Carr; Umpire J. R. Robinson.

Second XI (v P.R.C., Away) — S. A. Gray, R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, F. Goodwin, H. Brokenshire, G. E. Taylor, L. R. Burch, R. J. Fenton and W. L. Rapley. Twelfth Man — W. W. Parsons; Scorer J. W. Bertram; Umpire R. Leigh.

SENIOR MATCH POSTPONED

The First Division League match against the University on Saturday has been postponed.

A.R.P. SPORTS MEETING

The Upper Levels Division, District "A" Wardens' Society will hold their first annual athletic sports on the South China A.A. ground at Caroline Hill on Sunday, starting at 9 a.m.

Following is the programme: 100 metres, Senior, championship (men); Long Jump, Junior, championship (men); 100 metres, Senior, championship (ladies); 100 metres, Junior, championship (ladies); 100 metres, Junior, championship (men); Long Jump, Senior, championship (men); 50 metres, Senior, championship (ladies); 50 metres, Junior, championship (ladies); 400 metres, Senior, championship (men); 400 metres, Junior, championship (men); Long Jump, Senior, championship (ladies); 400 metres, Junior, championship (ladies); Long Jump, Junior, championship (ladies); 200 metres, Senior, championship (men); 200 metres, Junior, championship (men); 200 metres, Senior, championship (ladies); 200 metres, Junior, championship (ladies); High Jump, Senior, championship (men); 400 metres, Junior, championship (men); 400 metres, Senior, championship (ladies); High Jump, Junior, championship (ladies); 800 metres, Senior, championship (men); High Jump, Junior, championship (men); 400 metres, Inter-Districts Relay Race (men); 400 metres, Inter-Districts Relay Race (ladies); 1,500 metres, Open to all Men Wardens of U.L. "A"; High Jump, Senior, championship (ladies); 100 metres, Respiator Race, Open to Men Wardens; 100 metres, Respiator Race, Open to Lady Wardens; 50 metres, Officers' Race, Handicap, Post Entries, (Handicap: 1/2 metre for each year).

Presentation of Prizes will be made by The Director of Air Raid Precautions Wing Comdr. A. H. S. Steele-Parkins, G.B.E.

V.R.C. Beat Chung Hwa In Needle Junior Match

Now At Head Of The Table

Maxwell's Fine Fielding

By "Grandstand"

CHUNG HWA SUFFERED their first League Softball defeat of the season on Sunday when they were downed by the V.R.C. 6-3 in a close game, featured by sparkling fielding on both sides.

By virtue of their win, the Victorians are now on an equal footing with the League-leading Chung Hwas, and it appears to this corner that a play-off for the Limjap trophy is indicated in the near future.

Sonny "Jock" Brown, hurled a steady game for the victors, and only walked one, whilst Jay Liu for the losers, started off by fanning three Vics in the first two frames. He soon weakened, however, and allowed five blows, four of which were bunched up in the fifth to count for as many runs.

After waiting out a three-and-two count, V.R.C. lead-off man Bimby Ablong stood still on a groover for the first enroute whilst Ernie Ribeiro went the same way by taking three healthy cuts at the atmosphere. Roy Maxwell grounded out to grace the scoreboard with a "duck". Taking advantage of a pass and three bobbles, Chung Hwas denied the counting station for the first run of the fracas.

In the next two frames, both sides were blanked, but the Victorians produced the being run in the fourth, when Roy Maxwell worked hurler Liu for a pass, and scampered home on left-gardener Richard Chung's wild heave to catcher Fung.

V.R.C. Take Lead

In the fifth Lionel Roza-Pereira and Manuel Roza both singled, but the latter was forced out by Bimby Ablong's weak grounder, although both Roza-Pereira and Ablong scored on Ernie Ribeiro's base-clearing triple to give V.R.C. the lead.

Roy Maxwell's dump, which had twirler Liu handcuffed, put two on the bases. Alec Azedo's timely single driving in both tallies.

Helped by two V.R.C. miscues, Bill Chang and Richard Chung both got on base, both scoring on a single and a sacrifice, to slim the lead to 5-3.

One more marker in the last stanza cinched the game for the Victorians, as the Choymen were shutout in the last two sessions.

Alec Azedo was the big gun of the day, connecting safely twice in three times to the plate, whilst Ernie Ribeiro poled out the longest hit of the tilt with a two-run triple.

Roy Maxwell, V.R.C. guardian of the windy alley, gave the most sparkling fielding display, snaring several line-drives, each one of them a fielding gem, whilst Chung Hwa slabster Jay Liu brilliantly shoe-stringed five infield pops.

Second Win

Playing inspired ball, V.R.C. garnered their second victory of the day when they calclimined the Liga Portuguesa 8-0.

"Jock" Brown starting for the winners, fanned one and walked two, while relief hurler "Pitsy" Barradas fanned none and passed none. Both hurlers allowed three safeties. Fork-handed chucker Cesar Coelho for the losers went the route, and passed three.

Batting honours were taken by Jock Brown, for his two-in-three hitting, while Maxwell, Ablong and "Bubbles" Remedios completed the only twin-killing of the day, by retiring Botelho and Coelho in the seventh.

Two Walk-Over

The Central Britishers gave a walkover to the Cosmopolitans, whilst the Royal Scots also forfeited their points to Chung Hwa. The South China-Royal Engineers tilt has been postponed.

Review of other softball games has been held over until to-morrow.

ST. PATRICK'S FAREWELLS

A most pleasant evening was spent last night at St. Patrick's Club when friends gathered to give an impromptu farewell to G. Warburton and H. H. Buck, who are leaving the Colony shortly.

Messrs. Warburton and Buck have been very keen members of the Club during their stay in Hong Kong and are very popular with their colleagues.

HOCKEY UMPIRES' MEETING

A Hockey Umpires' Association meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow. All interested are invited to attend.

YESTERDAY'S YACHTING

The sweepstake race sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club over 5.15 miles yesterday resulted:

La Linda	16.54.16	L. P. Ralph	1
True Blue	16.57.49	Miss Wilson	2
Gull	17.00.11	A. O. G. Mills	3
Joss	17.02.04	G. E. Neve	4
Jean	17.02.32	M. S. Banner	5
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SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament matches to be played on Sunday:—

AT 10.30 A.M.	
A. N. Other XI	v Signals
Police "A"	v Khalsa
2/M.T.B.	v Recrelo
Gunboats	v University
AT 4 P.M.	
C.B.A.	v 5th A.A. "A"
Nomads	v Police "B"
Engineers	v Destroyer

R.A.M.C. BEAT SAPPERS

In a Third Division soccer match at the Valley yesterday Royal Army Medical Corps defeated Royal Engineers 3-1 after holding a goal lead at the interval. Pym (2) and Webb scored for Medicals and F. Jones for the Sappers.

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QUESTIONS ON FAR EAST

Tientsin And Shipping Facilities Raised

"BEVIN BOYS" TO TRAIN IN ENGLAND

The first batch of "Bevin boys," selected from artisans employed in Indian factories for training in the United Kingdom under the Bevin scheme, was announced in New Delhi yesterday.

Aged 18 to 35 they include electricians, fitters and blacksmiths from all classes all over India and are described as the advanced guard of India's industrial army. —Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETNESS

The London Stock Exchange generally was quiet and irregular yesterday. Gilt edged drifted down slightly after early firmness but closed steady. Industrials encountered some provincial selling and home rails tended to be easier but oils were firm and there was further speculative enquiry in European bonds, notably Belgian 4 per cent. Wall Street was irregular. —Reuter.

Mr. Butler's Laconic Replies

A LACONIC "YES" was the answer of the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, to a question in the Commons yesterday whether the situation in the British Concession at Tientsin was now satisfactory and whether Britons were able to pass unhindered between the Concession and adjacent occupied territory.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons.) asked whether British shipping was now allowed access on the Pearl River to Canton.

Mr. Butler said there was a weekly British service. Difficulties had arisen in connection with quarantine regulations and pilotage fees but they were under negotiation.

Capt. Alan Graham (Cons.) asked what Japanese restrictions were placed on exports and imports in occupied parts of China, and to what extent such restrictions affect British trade.

Merchants Affected

Mr. Butler outlined restrictions in North, Central and South China and added that British and other foreign merchants were being severely affected by all these measures.

Mr. Robert Morgan (Cons.) asked whether there were any im-

provements to report in facilities allowed British shipping at coastal ports and especially at Tsingtao and Chetoo.

Mr. Butler said the Foreign Secretary was calling for a report on the latest situation as it affects British shipping facilities in North China.

A report had also been called for on the subject of British shipping in inland waterways other than the Yangtze. —Reuter.

KULANGSU COUNCIL IMPASSE

The Kulangsu Municipal Council once again became inoperative when three members suddenly resigned on January 23, leaving only two Japanese members, according to Japanese reports from Amoy to-day.

The members who resigned were Mr. L. H. Hitchcock (chairman), Mr. J. C. Morhaus and one other member.

A Council meeting scheduled to be held on January 24 in order to discuss a four-point representation handed in on January 21 by the Japanese consul-general regarding the shooting of Huang Chung-kang, Formosan president of the Amoy district court, on January 17, was unable to meet legally because of insufficient members.

Business of the Council was taken over by the Consular Body under the chairmanship of the British Consul-General, Mr. N. FitzMaurice, according to a precedent set in 1926 when a Council was unable to be formed. —Reuter.

TALKS ON LEASED AIR BASES

THE GOVERNOR OF TRINIDAD, SIR HUBERT YOUNG, AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE LEeward ISLANDS, SIR GORDON LETHBRIDGE, ACCOMPANIED BY SIR LENNOX O'REILLY, OF NEW YORK, TOOK OFF FROM NEW YORK FOR LISBON YESTERDAY IN THE CLIPPER.

They are en route to London to participate in talks connected with the leasing of air and naval bases in the British West Indies to the United States.

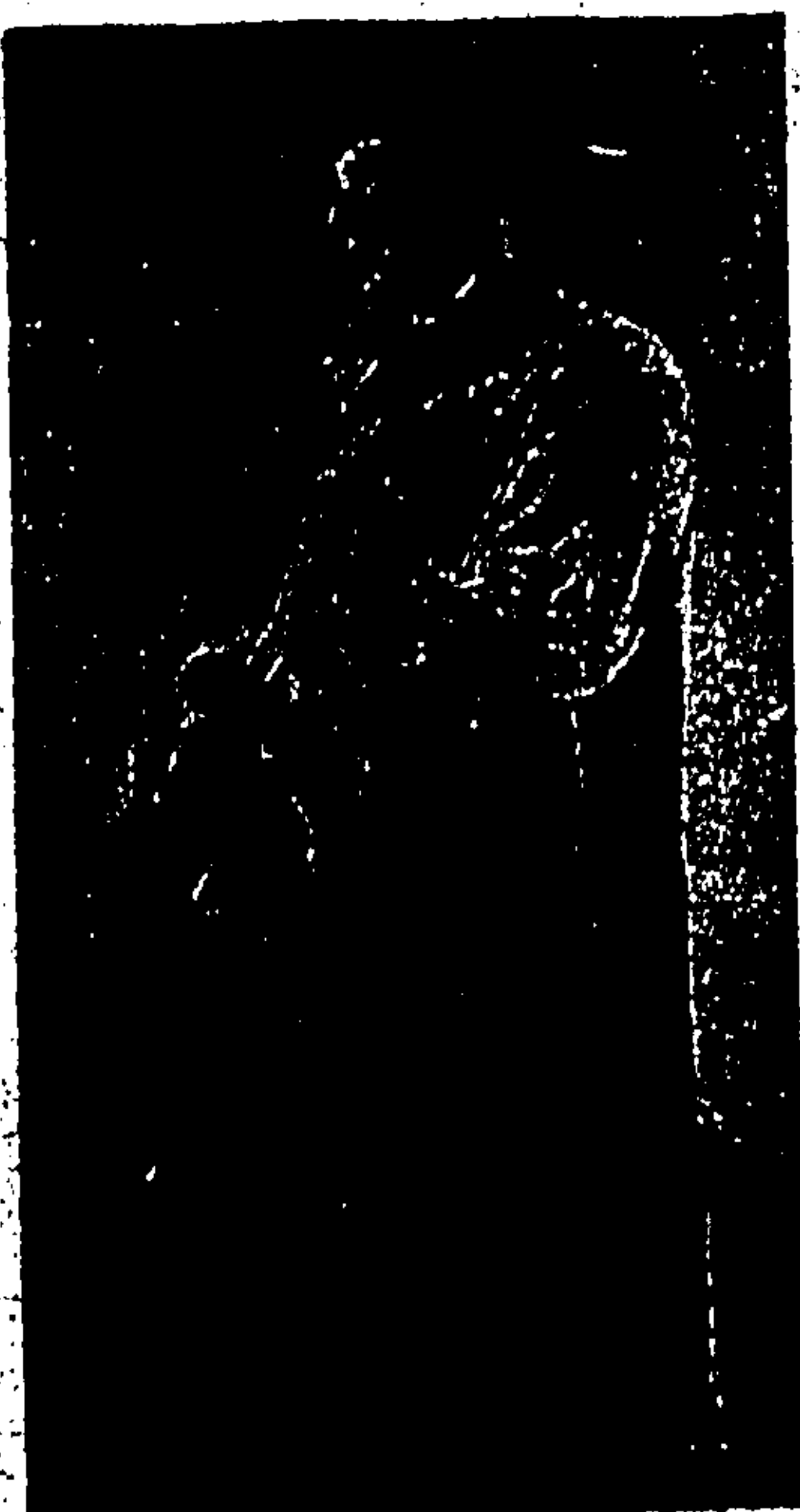
Talking to journalists all three emphasised the importance of "hemisphere defence" for the security of the nations of the Americas. —Reuter.

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MR. FORD IN UNION DISPUTE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was learned in Washington yesterday that Mr. Henry Ford has notified the Government that he will never operate his huge industrial organisation under Union "closed shop" conditions.

If ordered to do so by the Labour Board, he said, he would retire from business and offer his factories to the Government for Federal operation at a dollar a year fee.

Mr. Ford delivered this ultimatum to a defence official when asked to meet Mr. Hillman, leader of the Congress of Industrial Organisation, in an effort to solve labour disputes in his company. — International News Service.

DEATH

BRANKSTON — At Queen Mary Hospital, A. D. Brankston (Archie), son of Mr. A. B. Brankston and the late Mrs. Brankston of Shanghai, at the age of 31. Funeral passing monument at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

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